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Councillor boobs with a re-tweet!

THE perils of new media were illustrated when Barry councillor Richard Bertin was censured by the Vale Council for re-tweeting an inappropriate image.

In an age when the internet is awash with extreme imagery, the picture in question was relatively tame and one depicting 'office highjinks' or 'boorish behaviour', depending on your point of view.

The image was taken from behind a young woman who was bending over a photocopier and appeared to be pulling her top up.

Coun Bertin made a

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'WE'RE ALL
OFF TO
HOGWARTS!'



Beavers from both 11th and 5th Barry Sea Scout groups packed their wands and attended a Harry Potter-themed sleep-over at Barry Library recently - read the full report on page 4!

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Woman found with drugs during prison visit is jailed

A WOMAN who took drugs into Cardiff Prison when she visited her boyfriend, has been jailed for eight months at Cardiff Crown Court.

Tracey Hales (33) claimed the drugs had been for personal use.

Recorder Ian Murphy QC told Hales, who had been living at Dyfan Road, Barry, that custody in such a case was inevitable.

She pleaded guilty to two charges of taking

REPORT by AJ SICLUNA

prohibited items into the prison.

Prosecutor Nuhu Gobir said that on July 24 last year, officers saw Hales in the visiting hall and something from her dropped to the floor.

She picked it up and Hales was apprehended and taken to a search area.

Officers discovered that she had a Class C drug on her and 3.5 grammes of cannabis resin.

Hales told them she knew she was prohibited

from taking such items into the prison.

She said she had come off heroin and because it was hard, the drugs were for personal use and to help make her sleep.

The court heard that Hales had a conviction for possessing heroin with intent to supply.

Her counsel, Stephen Thomas, said she had been in custody since October 22, and he added: "Clearly, she has significant drug problems. However, she is currently drugs-free."

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Wales is so beautiful... WHY SPOIL IT WITH LITTER?

I AM an Englishman who has lived in Wales for more than 30 years, and I have frequently heard of people saying how proud they are of the beautiful Welsh countryside.

I agree with them, it is beautiful and spectacular.

What I cannot understand is why so many people treat it as a place to throw their litter and rubbish.

Empty cans, bottles, paper bags, plastic bags, empty or half empty

take-away food containers, piles of cigarette ends or any other rubbish that people throw away, do nothing to improve the environment.

When I cross the bridge to visit my relatives in England, I notice the litter problem is just as bad there.

The next time you walk or drive around, have a look and take notice of how much litter there is – and maybe make the pride in the Welsh countryside stop you adding to it.

D Andrews,
Llantwit Major.

Setting record straight about the NIMBYs

HAVING read the various letters which have appeared in The GEM over the past few weeks regarding housing development in the rural Vale, I felt compelled to write.

There appears to be a gross misunderstanding of the views of those of us living in the rural Vale with regard to the proposals in the Vale's Local Development Plan, and the subsequent planning applications, made in haste, prior to the independent scrutiny of the plan by the LDP inspector.

Just to set the record straight, we are not a group of elitist 'NIMBYs', as has been suggested by some of your readers. We appreciate that there is a need for housing in the Vale and we know that we may all have to take a share in meeting that need.

However, what we are proposing is that development is fair and equitable and that appropriate

See more letters on page 17.

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NUCLEAR PLANT: 'IT MAY NEVER HAPPEN!'

TIT may never happen – the new nuclear reactor at Hinkley Point, over the water clearly visible from the Vale of Glamorgan!

French firm EDF which holds a guarantee from the UK Government to force billpayers to pay double the going rate for electricity for 35 years, is worried, because with the collapse in wholesale energy prices, there is a strong desire to renegotiate by the UK government.

All Government business ceases in March due to the pending election and so the Commons Public Accounts Committee is not going to review the situation until the new Government is formed.

Meanwhile, Austria has decided it will challenge the legality of Brussels giving the 'green light' to the deal.

This delays the construction further and other possible overseas investors are suddenly losing interest.

It was the previous Labour leadership who promised to build four new nuclear power stations.

This was continued by the Coalition in 2010, followed by the approval of the European Commission.

Now safety aspects of the project are also in contention; for example the French are refusing to let EDF operate without a secondary pressure valve, which the Company feel is unnecessary.

Oh Dear. Will it ever blight the view from south Wales?

Where's that crystal ball?

Christopher Short, Barry.

(Former chairman, Friends of the Earth Cymru).

'Colwinston needs affordable housing for our children'

IHAVE to take issue with John Evans (GEM letters, February 19) as he suggests that Colwinston and other rural villages smack of "self-preservation to maintain some sort of misguided elitist community".

This is completely untrue. Colwinston Community Council has long advocated affordable housing for our village and the

Vale planning committee has recently ridden roughshod over the wishes of local people. Instead of insisting that Redrow build the usual 35 per cent onsite affordable houses for their proposed development of 64 houses (a 40 per cent increase in village size), our mediocre representatives (with the exception of our local Conservative member, one Plaid Cymru member, and one UKIP member) happily agreed a reduced onsite provision

equating to 25 per cent.

Even worse, 10 per cent is being paid by the developer to be used for affordable housing elsewhere in the Vale.

We need the housing for our children and Mr Evans is completely misguided in thinking that anyone in our village thinks otherwise!

This is not a balanced and sensible approach.

**Ed Lewis,
Vice Chairman, Colwinston
Community Council**

High rise flats the answer?

FURTHER to your request for views on housing issues, I would like to say that if we build high rise flats in appropriate places such as Cardiff and keep the influx of those needing to be housed there, this would help to alleviate the problem.

People in other countries live in high rise flats, so why not here? Local people do not want to see all the countryside torn up just for housing and the powers that be should try to discourage people from having more than two children.

Safety upgrade is completed

FOLLOWING representation made to me by local residents, I met with officers of the Vale Council Highways on site about the Cuckoo Mill Bridge, which often gets flooded in the winter during periods of heavy rainfall.

There have been tricky situations where small cars have nearly been swept into the river but for the railings holding them back.

I know that drivers sometimes find it difficult to judge just

how deep the water is over the bridge, especially when the river is in full flood – and the river can be very swift running – so I requested that depth markers be installed.

I also asked for cross-hatching to be put on the railing ends to better define the bridge either at night or when flooded.

I am pleased to confirm that the work has been completed in record time and this bridge should be much safer for people to use in the future.

**Coun Jeff James,
Rhoose.**

End the madness of payment to EU'

IREAD so often in the newspapers that thousands of people are relying on foodbanks.

Many elderly people are having to choose between eating or keeping warm. Yet the country contributes £50 million a day to the EU.

It is sheer madness. Can anyone explain this to me?

I believe the sooner we get out of the EU the better for everyone.

**EM Grier,
Porthcawl.**

WE are used to seeing the photogenic Mr Cairns in the local newspapers championing good causes, but if that's not enough, he even posts his 'Chronicle' via Royal Mail now.

He's beginning to feel like part of the family! He is against Post Office closures – ironic, as it's his party that privatised the service.

I wonder if he might like to express his opinion on the hated 'bedroom tax'?

As he appears to oppose every other tax increase, he should tell us if he voted for or against an unpopular tax that affects so many of his constituents.

(Name and address supplied).

Who is trying to kid whom?

With the general election some three months away, I thought I would have a read of the 'Barry Chronicle', which came through my letterbox.

I read most of the articles, but the one that caught my eye was referring to the chance of another increase in council tax.

What really caught my attention was the

statement by Barry resident, Janice Charles; is this the same person who was at one time a Conservative councillor in the Vale of Glamorgan?

If it is the same ex-councillor, who are Conservatives trying to kid by suggesting she is only a local resident?

If it isn't the ex-councillor, I apologise for suggesting that political parties would act in such an underhand way.

**Mark Bell,
Barry.**

HIGH TIDE TIMES (UNTIL FEBRUARY 26)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary.

For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20–25 minutes later.

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01 Sun	03.17	7.7	15.55	7.9
02 Mon	04.22	8.3	16.47	8.4
03 Tues	05.11	8.8	17.29	8.9
04 Wed	05.51	9.2	18.08	9.2
05 Thur	06.24	9.4	18.42	9.5

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'URGENT TALKS MUST LEAD TO ACTION'

Barry Island summer funfair is hanging in the balance...

IT remains touch and go as to whether there will be a funfair installed at Barry Island Pleasure Park in time for the summer.

Local MP Alun Cairns has called on all parties engaged in the project to work towards an

agreement. The Vale Council believe that as part of any agreement the site owners should be making a funding provision to the local community.

The parties seeking a resolution include the current site owners Barry Island Property Company (Hilco and Ian Rogers) the Vale Council

and fun fair operator Henry Danter.

Mr Cairns said the local district valuer is now looking at the scheme at the request of council and he hoped there would be further developments in the next week.

The local MP said he remained hopeful, but also sounded a note of caution.

"I still remain positive that the project will get off the ground. But now is the time to ensure all parties are working to find a solution that can satisfy the aims of those involved – it is that simple."

"I am fully behind the plans for the regeneration of the Pleasure Park, and the response from the community and local groups has been positive. "However, positivity from the community is not a given – local residents will quite rightly grow tired of delays no matter what the reason may be."

He added: "If we are to see a top class fairground return to Barry in time for the summer season then urgent talks must take place that lead to action. "What concerns me most about any further delay is the reputational damage Barry could suffer in the eyes of other potential investors if this project becomes a saga."

Rob Thomas, the Vale's director of development services, explained: "The planning application for the development of the Dolphin public house which has been submitted to the Vale Council makes no provision for a contribution to local community infrastructure. Thus far the site's owners have made it clear that they are not willing to enter into negotiations about such a commitment.

"When – as in this application – a developer claims that a scheme is not viable if a contribution to the community is required, it is standard practice for the council to refer the matter for independent

advice. In this case the application has been referred to the district valuer who will now provide an independent assessment of the applicant's claims."

Mr Thomas emphasised the council was keen to see the future of the Pleasure Park site resolved, but could not be expected to waive its own planning policy.

"This further delay is extremely frustrating to all those who, like the Vale Council, want to see a funfair on the site as soon as possible. The current site does nothing but harm to the image of Barry Island and is in stark contrast to the investment and attention paid to the eastern promenade and Maslin Park by the council over the last 12 months.

"After years of decay we have a willing buyer in place. However, the council will not compromise its planning policy, which ensures that the whole community benefits from developments, or allow ourselves to be held to ransom by the site's current owners."



The Danter family hope they can strike a deal with the owners of the park to bring attractions this summer to Barry Island – from left to right, Kimberley Danter, Alun Cairns MP, Hilco representative Aidan Lynch, Ian Rogers and Henry Danter.

Bertin's boob

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The statement continued: "Low level allegations of breaches of the members' code of conduct are dealt with in accordance with the local dispute resolution procedure.

"In this instance there was found to be a basis to the complaint and Coun Bertin has been censured."

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Harry Potter sleep-over in library for local Scouts

ON the evening of February 6 Beavers from both 11th and 5th Barry Sea Scout groups attended a Harry Potter-themed sleep-over at Barry Library.

Over 50 Beavers attended and participated in a variety of Harry Potter-themed activities which included making their own wand.

The staff at the library also organised a very good treasure hunt around the ground floor of the library.

The Beavers learned all about the various statues and some of the books around the library.

The night was rounded off with the Beavers watching a Harry Potter film and having a cup of hot chocolate before settling down for the night.

The Beavers all slept on the ground floor of the library and in the morning they all tucked into a delicious sausage or bacon bap.

After breakfast the

Beavers visited a 'Pop-up' Planetarium that was being displayed in the library, which was very enjoyable. The Beavers were very excited and asked lots of questions.

The whole activity was rounded off with a play in Central Park before they all went home, while the leaders went home for a well deserved rest.

The leaders of both 11th Barry Sea Scout Group and 5th Barry Sea Scout Group want to say a big thank you to all at the library and the council who helped put this on.

In particular we wish to especially thank Gillian, Katherine and the security guard Adam, who put up with 50+ beavers disturbing what we're sure is normally a nice quiet night shift.

For more information on joining either Beavers, Cubs or Scouts go to scouts.org.uk/home/ and follow the link at the top of the page to find your nearest group. **BF**

Needles and dog mess in Barry shocks the MP

GIBBONS DOWN residents were joined at a rubbish clear-up by MP Alun Cairns, who brought a team to fill numerous bags of household rubbish with items such as used needles and dog mess.

Treetops resident Andrew Ellis and friends, along with Mr Cairns, spent a number of hours clearing the area and gathered eight bags of litter from just a small area.

The MP said residents had contacted him after bins went un-emptied and rubbish had piled up over a lengthy period.

"I was shocked to see the amount of rubbish strewn across the Treetops area in Barry. I am grateful to the local neighbours for drawing it to my attention, and we made a very good attempt at clearing the mess.

What was rather disturbing was seeing used needles in an area where children play and residents walk their dogs

"I have contacted the local authority to request that this area be reassessed to try and keep on top of the problem," the MP stated.



Treetops rubbish.

Woman jailed after taking drugs into Cardiff Prison

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The Recorder told her: "You pleaded guilty to serious offences, committed when you were visiting your boyfriend in Cardiff Prison. You have a record of illicit drugs use and you must have known that what you were doing was serious."

He said that in the past, she had received "ample warning shots".

He said there had also been a record on non-compliance with court orders.

He directed that the drugs be destroyed and Hales was told she would have to pay a £100 victim surcharge.

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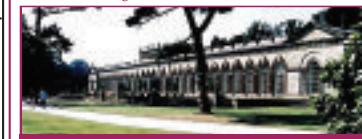


LEFT: The emergency services dealing with the aftermath of the collision on Holton Road.



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A driver had to be cut from a car following a collision on Holton Road last Thursday, February 19.

The incident occurred at around 1.20pm at the junction with Thompson Street.

The Fire Service, police and Ambulance Service all attended the scene.

A police spokesman said: "The Fire Service had to cut one driver (a woman) from their car.

"The driver of the second car was checked over by ambulance crew but had no injuries."

The driver who had to be cut from the car did not suffer life-threatening injuries.

Busy junction

Farida, the owner of La Cucina on Holton Road, said the junction is very busy and does not have the best visibility.

He said he also favoured a return of the crossing that used to be close to the junction, to help local pedestrians cross in safety.

One-way street plans: PROCEED WITH CAUTION!

I WOULD like to thank the more than 50 local residents who attended my recent public meeting about the plans to make Trinity Street one-way in Barry.

The numbers who attended on a wet and windy Sunday, as well as the further 20 responses I have received by e-mail, telephone, text and Twitter, show the importance of consulting and discussing this with those who will be most affected.

Those who spoke at the meeting recognised the problems with traffic on Trinity Street, including the steepness of the hill, the speed of traffic, the lack of parking and the sheer number of cars that use the street.

However, they also recognised that displacing the traffic onto equally unsuitable 'rat-runs' in the area, around Heol Dewi Sant, Gadlys Road East and West, or Wenvoe Terrace, would create additional problems there instead.

Concerns were raised about extra traffic outside local primary schools, such as Ysgol Sant Curig or Romilly Primary School. Residents of Dudley Place, Heol Pantycelyn, or those with garages on Jenner Road, pointed out that reaching their homes would now involve driving hundreds of miles extra each year.

The simple truth is that there are far more cars on the road in Barry than the town was built for, and we must do our best to keep the town as safe as possible, and convenient for as many as possible.

If they do carry out this trial, the Vale Council must commit to properly monitoring all of the impacts upon the surrounding area, not just Trinity Street – and they mustn't be afraid to admit that it is wrong and withdraw it if the negatives outweigh the positives.

COUN IAN JOHNSON,
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Councillors Janie Jones, Mike Hartrey, Chris Franks and Val Hartrey.

Council litter pick in Dinas

DINAS POWYS Community Council held another successful litter pick along the AshPath, when starting at Tesco car park and finishing at Sully Road, eight bags of rubbish were collected.

The Vale Council provided the 'grabbers', protective gloves and the black bags. Chair of the Community Council Chris Franks said: "It was a beautiful morning which made the work easier.

"We intend to hold further such events over the next few weeks. If anyone is interested in assisting please let us know. "We would appeal to people to respect this path. The Vale Council reports that as it is not an adopted route they will not clean it. Many people think it's only school pupils that cause the mess. In fact, it's clear that all ages act in a disappointing manner."

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Thought-provoking talk at local WI

AT the February meeting of Cadoxton WI, several members were unable to attend, but three visitors were welcomed.

The speakers for the evening were Nick Corrigan and Mark Bishop. The topic was child sexual exploitation. Both speakers explained the various aspects of exploitation.

They stressed that making people aware of the facts would, hopefully lead to prevention. Nick and Mark agreed that there was great support from the police, social workers and local

councils. A round of applause was given for a talk which was very interesting and thought-provoking.

The forthcoming events were discussed and members are looking forward to 'A Taste of Wales' at Llanharan and a St Patrick's Day lunch at Barry College.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm and then the members enjoyed coffee and pancakes. The meeting is held every third Monday of the month at Victoria Park Community Centre at 7pm. Visitors are welcome; contact 01446 404891. CW

Waterfalls and mist in Ebbw Vale valleys

MEMBERS of Penarth Ramblers recently enjoyed two weekend walks in reasonable weather.

First, Rachel took her group to the Ebbw Vale area for what might be the last opportunity to tramp through lovely agricultural and open moorland, before a solar panel farm is installed there.

The Steelhouse Heavy Metal Rock Festival is held there annually, and at a height of around 377-metres on the lonely hillside, it claims to be the largest and highest heavy metal festival in Wales.

They climbed through Craig y Deri and enjoyed views across old quarries and coal mine workings to the snow covered Cefn Manmoel on their way towards the village of Cwm, and passed through Silent Valley Nature Reserve, the highest altitude beech forest in Britain.

In some of the pools on their journey they observed frog spawn, a sure sign spring is on its way, before climbing onto Cefn yr Arail into a blustery cold wind where the views stretched up to the mist covered central Beacons and southwards towards the coast.

As they tramped across farmland, they passed cattle and sheep and also spotted two spring lambs before making their way down a rocky zig-zag path back to their start point at the small village of Aberbeeg.

Second, a group of 14 walkers including leader Joy headed up to Blaen-y-glyn forestry and began their climb over boggy ground at Pant y Creigiau in sunshine under blue skies.

When they reached the trig point at 565-metres, a thick mist descended and, following the muddy ridgeway of Cefn Taremni Cochion, they dropped southwards over waterlogged coarse-

grassed moorland to Cwm Callan, where a vast amount of tree felling has been taking place.

The open moorland below Bryniau Gleision still contained areas of deep snow and ice that covered the many shade holes beside the track and reaching part of the Taff Trail they were met with hazy views over the pretty Dyffryn Crawnon valley.

Lunch was enjoyed with views across Talybont reservoir to the opposite side of the valley where Alt Lwyd, Waun Rydd and Twyn Du along with the Talybont Forest were shrouded in mist before they descended through forestry towards the Glyn Collwn valley.

From a brief stop at Pont Blaen-y-glyn, a gradual climb up the valley beside stunning, fast flowing waterfalls led them back into forestry, once the site of an old reservoir village, for a short but steep climb back to their start.

On February 28, meet at 9am at Cogan Leisure Centre for an eight-mile moderate walk from the Brecon Mountain Centre taking in Fan Frynach; contact Robin on 029 2051 4051.

On March 1, meet at 10am at Cogan for a six-mile moderate walk in the Lisvane area; contact Pam on 029 2025 5102.

Wear suitable clothing, preferably boots and carry waterproofs, food and drinks. Some degree of fitness is required and if you are in any doubt, then please contact the walk leader for advice. Programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2025 5102.

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FIELD TRIP HAS A FOCUS ON TOURISM



The basketball team.



The trip to Heatherton.



Patricia West receives her certificate.

THE geography department at St CYRES school took a group of 55 year-9 pupils to a recent meeting. **Heatherton Activity Park in Tenby.**

The aim of the visit was for pupils to assess the impacts of tourism on a rural location.

Pupils completed a range of different activities, including archery, crazy-golf, go-karting and the 40-metre zip wire.

Race Equality First Poster

PATRICIA WEST of 9CR recently won the annual 'Race Equality First' poster competition.

She received a certificate and won £50 for herself, as well as a further £150 for the school.

Her winning design was printed to actual poster size and was sent to all schools and other institutions within the local authority. Well done, Patricia!

ST CYRES school council welcomed Vaughn Gethin AM to a recent meeting.

Mr Gethin talked about the role of the Welsh Assembly and his responsibilities as an AM.

The school council, consisting of representatives from each year group, listened to a presentation by Mr Gethin and they had prepared a range of interesting and challenging questions for him.

The group also learned about how candidates canvass during elections. The school council thoroughly enjoyed Mr Gethin's visit and are looking forward to visiting the Welsh Assembly building in Cardiff Bay for a tour shortly.

Andrew RT Davies, leader of the Welsh Conservatives, was another recent visitor to the school. Mr Davies, a local authority. Well AM enjoyed a tour of our brand new school.

St Cyres victorious

ST CYRES Key Stage 4 girls played basketball against Stanwell in a new league. It was the first home match in our fabulous new sports hall.

Stanwell started the stronger. St Cyres had early chances but didn't convert whereas Stanwell were clinical. Stanwell led in the first quarter 14 - 8.

The second quarter was more evenly matched with both teams adding to their tallies. Stanwell continued to lead 22 - 18.

The third quarter was the crucial quarter for St Cyres. Carys Allen scored two three-point shots and Evie Brown also scored two sensational baskets. Megan Kupa's speed also started to pay off on the fast break.

Bethan Salter won crucial possession and Molly Owen-Ffoulkes began to dominate in the attacking key. For the first time in the match, St Cyres took a 30 - 26 lead.

It was all to play for in the fourth and final quarter. Carys and Evie continued to score and St Cyres extended their lead. Rebekah West and Morgan Dursley worked tirelessly in defence to help maintain the lead.

Both teams played really well and showed good sportsmanship. St Cyres were victorious in the end, 38 - 28.

Our thanks go to the staff and pupils of Stanwell for a fabulous game of basketball.

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Valeways guided walks
ON Sunday, March 1 at 2pm Tair y Cennin Pdr/St David's Day Daffodils meet at St Brides Major at the Farmer's Arms car park.

Hoffi Cerdedd, Hoffi Coffi meet at Coffee Cove Cafe on Barry Island on Tuesday March 3, at 10am. On Wednesday, March 4 the Coffee Shop Strollers meet at 10.30am at the Visitor Centre, Cosmeston Country Park, Penarth.

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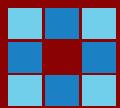
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Christmas concert helps Amelia Trust

DEACON Lorraine Brown, director of the Amelia Trust Farm, was presented with a cheque for £700 by Gareth Roberts, chairman of Barry Male Voice Choir (BMVC).

The cheque is for work at the Amelia Trust and the money was raised at BMVC's annual Christmas charity concert at St Mary's Church, Barry on December 6.

Meanwhile, the choir looks forward to the Mayor of Barry's three choirs charity concert in St Mary's Church on Friday, February 27 at 7pm. Tickets are £5 from the Council Offices, Gladstone Road.

The choir numbers will be augmented by the new members attracted by the recent recruitment campaign, helped by the generosity of Barry Town council. New members are still welcome on Monday or Thursday, 7.30pm in



Deacon Lorraine Brown with Gareth Roberts.

Trinity Hall. See the choir website for information.

A further concert by the choir with its new members will take place in Trinity Hall, Trinity Street, Barry on Thursday, March 19 at 7.30pm. Tickets are £4 from choir members or telephone 01446 402398.

MAYOR'S CHARITY COFFEE MORNING
THE Vale of Glamorgan Mayor is hosting a charity coffee morning in aid of Barry Ladies' Choir on Tuesday, March 3 from 10.30am - 12 noon in the Civic Office. All are welcome.

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THE Cosmeston Coffee Shop
Strollers were out and about on Wednesday, February 18 for the latest of the regular fortnightly walks as listed in the Valeways walk programme.

Barbara Green, volunteer walk leader with Valeways, was joined by 14 walkers on

Advice for the elderly

ARE you a homeowner or private tenant living in the Vale? Are you elderly, disabled and need advice and support on repairs or home improvements?

Care and Repair in the Vale help older homeowners and private tenants adapt and maintain their homes, can give advice on grants available and also give information on reputable companies to use.

Age Connects Cardiff and Vale will hold an information session on Tuesday, March 3, 10am to 12 noon. No appointment is needed, just come along to the Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry. For further information, contact 01446 732385.

a bright sunny morning. A circular route through this beautiful country park included woodlands, open grasslands and lakes to cater for walkers with mixed ability. Everyone is encouraged to walk at their own pace, with regular stops for all to re-group.

The lakes were sparkling and alive with swans, ducks, geese and many other water fowl. The walk lasted for approximately one hour and the majority of the walkers then enjoyed a welcome cuppa in the Lakeside cafe.

The next Cosmeston Coffee Shop Stroll will be on March 4 at 10.30am, meeting at the Cosmeston visitor centre; all are welcome.

STROLLERS ENJOY A SUNNY WALK AROUND COSMESTON!



Photo by Mike Edwards.

RNLI centre comes to Barry Island

A NEW visitor centre due to open on Barry Island this Easter, will be the first of its type in Wales and only the second in the UK.

The centre will be based at the heart of Barry Island resort in the former Tourist Information Centre.

Occupying the whole of the ground floor, the centre will boast an interactive display area, an education suite for visiting schools and youth groups and an RNLI shop.

This latest RNLI commitment to Barry Island will complement the lifeboat station that has saved lives off the town's coast since 1901 and the lifeguard presence on Whitmore Bay that has seen the highest number of incidents in Wales over the last two years.

The visitor centre will provide a focus for the charity's work and the volunteers and staff of the charity look forward to unveiling it to the local

community and visitors to the town in the coming months.

The new centre brings exciting new volunteer opportunities. There are a variety of positions available which means that individuals can be matched with the roles that are right for them.

A spokesperson for the RNLI said: "Volunteers can expect the training and support they need to flourish in their roles."

"The RNLI is the charity that saves lives at sea and all volunteers play a part in rescuing 22 lives a day and bringing loved ones home safe to their families."

"We are holding an open day at the new visitor centre on Barry Island (the former Tourist Information Office) on March 17 from 10am until 6pm. Why not come along and find out how you can be a part of that lifesaving work?"

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PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF LAND FOR THE PURPOSES OF FACILITATING A NEW RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AT THE FORMER YSGOL MAES DYFAN SCHOOL SITE

Land at Ysgol Maes Dyfan, Barry.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Vale of Glamorgan Council intends to dispose of a strip of land which forms part of the site of the former Ysgol Maes Dyfan, Barry. This narrow strip of land is part of the school site the Council is disposing for a residential development (subject to planning permission). The narrow strip comprises a grass bank admeasuring approximately 402 m² and is located between an existing fence that secured the former school and the adjoining parks land.

The adjoining park land will remain as public open space.

A plan indicating the location of the land can be inspected at the reception desk of the Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry, CF63 4RU.

Objections to the intended disposal must be made in writing and addressed to: The Director of Resources, The Vale of Glamorgan Council, Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry, CF63 4RU by no later than 19th March 2015.

Dated this 26th day of February 2015.

Managing Director

MP'S CALL TO REMEDY PITCH PROBLEMS

LAST Saturday the vast majority of junior and senior football fixtures were called off across the Vale, despite just one day of rain, albeit heavy.

This is unfortunately a common conversation I have with parents during the winter months and it must be addressed.

Getting young children playing sport across the Vale is a real passion of mine. It teaches young children discipline, the benefits of teamwork, and youthful energy is put to good use.

The GEM has reported my interest in this area for a number of years about whether the facilities available match the ambition of young players.

The largest town in Wales needs new next generation facilities now. I

am calling again for funding to be used to provide new artificial surfaces that can be used by players in the town, and facilities that children and parents that travel in from around the Vale for fixtures can also use.

To echo the ethos of team sport, I feel that teamwork is the answer to helping the next generation of youngsters fulfil their potential.

The committed volunteers, clubs and local authority should work together to ensure that access is maximised for all children when new facilities are built in Barry.

Funding is available for a number of locations that could be identified and built quickly in Barry.

There are a number of excellent examples of new first class artificial pitches in Wales that have transformed access to youth football – which in turn transforms the



ALUN CAIRNS
reports to GEM readers

prospects of the next generation of player.

By investing in pitches across the Vale, I am hopeful that the growth in youth football can continue at a galloping pace – and who knows – the next Gareth Bale could hail from the Vale.

New artificial pitches in Barry will mean fewer postponements that results in fixtures getting fulfilled. Players get continual access to coaching skills, rather than lengthy start periods during even the mildest of winters like this one.

All the parents and coaches I speak to appreciate the undoubtedly challenge it is to try and maintain pitches in Barry, it is a thankless task.

What better way to encourage young boys and girls into sport than by building 3G or 4G pitches in Barry that are available for use day and night for the whole community?

Without the facilities to match the ambition, these youngsters and talented coaches are unable to make the most of their ability. The principal town in the Vale needs new artificial pitches now.

Neighbours in first meeting of the new year

FRIENDS and Neighbours' first meeting of 2015 got off to a flying start with an excellent turnout at Beryl Road Pioneer Hall, Barry, for the monthly meetings on a Wednesday afternoon.

New members were made welcome and it was great to see a few men join the group. The busy programme was discussed including a forthcoming trip to Abergavenny in April, and members delighted in putting their names down as many of them do not go out of Barry.

They then enjoyed taking part in a Valentine quiz (testing the brain matter) and also tea, coffee, cakes and biscuits.

The members are looking forward to the March meeting, when they will be having their Easter party. Contact Gay Fifield 01446 400044 for further information.

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Readers flock to take up the 'Six Book Challenge'

MORE than 40 readers have signed up for the Six Book Challenge in Barry, Penarth and Llantwit Major.

A library spokeswoman explained: "It is a national reading challenge aimed at those over 16 who, for whatever reason, have got out of the habit of reading, or who need a little extra help and encouragement to pick up a book and get into the habit.

"The theme this year is 'Read Anything, Read Anywhere'. You can really read anything you like: newspapers, poems, plays, websites, books and more. Once

you sign up you are given a reading diary to record your thoughts on the six things you read.

"Once you've completed the challenge, you can enter a national prize draw. Last year, prizes included Kobo eReaders and a trip to London," she said.

"In the Vale we like to extend the challenge period over the summer holidays, to run concurrently with the children's summer reading challenge, so anyone who misses out on the national award could win a prize in the local draw.

Seventeen-year-old Courtney Simpson, a pupil at Ysgol y Deri in Penarth, received her prize of

a bright pink Hudl.2 from Andy Griffiths, libraries outreach officer. Courtney has also signed up to participate in this year's challenge.

Two other readers successful in last year's challenge, but unable to attend the presentation were Ellis Thompson-Criddle and Janet Edgar, who have both had their £20 gift vouchers posted to them.

If any schools, clubs or workplaces would like to take place in this year's Six Book Challenge, contact Andy at Barry Library on 01446 725381. The national draw takes place at the end of June, the local one in October.

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approach is a major factor in his success. *The main reason is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people I've*

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Fibromyalgia support group

DO you suffer from Fibromyalgia, or have you recently been diagnosed with this condition? Are you a carer looking after a loved one or relative?

Age Connects Cardiff and Vale are holding a health topic session on Thursday, March 5, from 10am to 12 midday at the Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry.

A health care professional who specialises in Fibromyalgia will be available to chat to you on any issue.

No appointment is needed. Telephone 01446 732385 for further information.

LOTTERY HANDS OUT £1.5m TO LOCAL PROJECTS

NEW figures reveal that over £1.5million of National Lottery funding was handed to projects in Bridgend and the Vale of Glamorgan in the last year.

Across the region,

153 grants were awarded in 2014. These benefited local arts, sports and heritage projects, alongside community groups helping those most in need. They were awarded to a wide range of projects, including:

Abercraf Primary School in Bridgend received £4,960 to establish a community library.

EyePAT Community Interest Company in Llantwit Major received £4,995 to fund a series of anti-bullying workshops in schools across South Wales.

St Illtyd's Church in Llantwit Major received £65,000 towards essential repairs and improvements.

Arthur Davis Court Residents Association in Barry received £2,220

to fund a greenhouse and shelving, benches, fencing, compost, plants and timber for planters.

Sker & Pink Bay Surf Life Saving Club received £5,000 to purchase a trailer and new surf lifesaving equipment.

Pyle and Kenfig Community First Responders received £5,000 to purchase defibrillators to support their expanding coverage within Cnrefyl, Pyle, Kenfig and Cefn Cribbwyr.

If you wish to nominate your favourite project, or enter your own project in this year's National Lottery Awards, visit www.lotterygoodcauses.org.uk or call 0207 293 3599 to find out more. Entries must be received by midnight, March 25.

FREE TAX ADVICE FOR THE ELDERLY

TaxHelp for Older People (TOP) will offer free professional tax advice to older people on a restricted income at Roz Couzens' Chiropractic Surgery, Unit 4, Commercial House, Commercial Street, Llantwit Major on March 2, from 10am until midday.

No appointment is necessary. To access the TOP helpline, telephone 0845 601 3321 or 01308 488066.

Home visits can also be arranged via this helpline for people unable to attend the surgery.



ABOVE: WWH procurement manager Peter Jenkins, senior admin Ooficer, Di Barnes and admin assistant, Leah Jenkins.

Company pledges support for Cancer Research Wales

A LEADING Welsh housing association has announced that Cancer Research Wales is to become its official charity partner for the next two years.

sponsored bike ride leaving WWH's Flint office in North Wales to their Cardiff office in Tremorfa, staff participation in the charity's annual Pink and Blue Walk and 'dress down Fridays'.

WWH has raised a total of £75,000 for three major charities over the past six years, including Alzheimer's Society, Help for Heroes and Stroke Association Wales.

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Older People's Commissioner praises Extra Care scheme

HAFOD Care Association welcomed Sarah Rochira, the Older People's Commissioner for Wales to their new Extra Care scheme – Golau Caredig in the Vale recently.

Located in the centre of Barry, the £7.2m development provides affordable independent living accommodation for older people in the form of 42 purpose-built one and two-bedroom flats. Individual care and support is provided for the tenants via an in-house domiciliary care and tenant support service.

The commissioner chatted with residents and was joined on a tour of the building by senior officers of the Vale Council, Coun Stuart Egan, Vale of Glamorgan Deputy Leader, and colleagues from Reach who provide the domiciliary care.

Scheme manager, Miles Utting, from Hafod Care said: "We are very proud of our new facility and are already seeing the huge difference that living here is making to our tenants lives. We want Golau Caredig to be very much part of the local community and were very pleased to be able to showcase the scheme to our visitors".

Older People's Commissioner for Wales, Sarah Rochira said: "It was wonderful to visit the Golau Caredig extra care facility and meet with the tenants.

"The independent living accommodation in Barry has a restaurant, hairdressers, launderette and several communal areas, and provides support that allows the residents to stay healthy, active and independent.

"As well as giving older people the opportunity to make new friends as part of this new community, it also allows them to go shopping, attend appointments and meet existing friends and family in

nearby Barry town centre, reducing the risks of them becoming lonely and isolated.

"Many of the residents have now been living at the site for over five months, and it was great to chat with them about how they have settled in and the many benefits of living in such a great environment."

Coun Stuart Egan, cabinet member for adult services, said: "Golau Caredig provides high quality accommodation where residents can live safely with flexible levels of support. The iconic building provides a standard of living for older people that was previously lacking in Barry and the response from both its residents and the wider community has justly been hugely positive."

The scheme has recently been shortlisted for a Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors 2015 awards. These showcase the achievements of the most inspirational regional initiatives and developments in land, property, construction and the environment. The winners will be announced in Cardiff on May 14.



Hafod Care welcomed Sarah Rochira and colleagues from the Vale Council and Reach.

PACT meetings

DYFAN PACT at the Buttrills Community Centre, North Walk, Barry on Sunday, March 1 at 7.30pm.

GIBBONSDOWN PACT at Barry Rugby Club, Merthyr Dyfan Road, Barry on Monday, March 2 at 7pm.

COURT PACT at Witchill Community Centre, Dyfan Road, Barry on Thursday, March 5 at 6.30pm.

DEAF PACT at Station 20, Barry Fire Station, Port Road, Barry on Thursday, March 5 at 6.30pm.

If you have any issues that are affecting your quality of life, but are unable to attend a meeting please contact

101 or you can log onto www.ourbobby.com

Penarth and the Vale

PLYMOUTH PACT at Byrd Crescent Community Centre on Thursday, March 5 at 5pm.

SULLY PACT at the Cricket Pavilion, Burnham Avenue, Sully on Thursday, March 5 at 6.30pm.

LLANDOUGH PACT at the Royal British Legion, Penlan Road, Llandough on Monday, March 9 at 7pm.

LLANTWIT MAJOR PACT at Llantwit Major Leisure Centre on Wednesday, March 18 at 7pm.

Wartime civilians' stories sought

LAST year, we remembered the start of the First World War and this year we celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the end of World War Two.

Those who lived through those momentous years are now nearing the end of their lives, and before it is too late I would like to try to capture their memories in a book.

A few months ago, you were kind enough to publish my letter asking for anyone who lived through the war to contact me, and I am pleased to say the about 20 people did so. Some had served in the armed forces, others were children at the time. Their stories were fascinating, and I am deeply grateful to them for responding.

However, in order to get a full picture of the war, years I would love to hear from the civilians who made such a vital contribution: the women who went to work in the factories or on the farms to replace the men who had been called up, the air raid warden, the firefighters, the 'Bevin Boys' drafted into the mines. They, too, have a story to tell.

It may be that a relative who lived through the war has now passed away, but wrote their memories in a book or diary for the benefit of their grandchildren. If anyone has such an account, and

would be willing to share it with me, or if they have a story of their own to tell, please get in touch.

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Paris 2 Penybont cycle ride is in honour of Hollie

NPT Homes staff will join a group of eight people cycling from Paris to Bridgend in memory of Hollie Clark – and to help raise over £20,000 for the Anthony Nolan charity.

Hollie inspired the #pantsonyourhead campaign which managed to increase bone marrow donor registrations by 2580 per cent in the UK during the summer of 2014.

Hollie was born in Bridgend, which will be the finish line of the 'Paris 2 Penybont' challenge.

The cycle challenge brings together NPT Homes staff and a group of others, some of whom have never met. Together they have been inspired to get on their bikes for a great cause.

The ride will start at the Eiffel Tower in Paris on Monday, July 13. The team will then cycle 500 miles over six days to Bridgend in South Wales.

Two other NPT Homes employees will join the team to form the support crew who will follow the riders to ensure their safety and to offer kind words of encouragement.

NPT Homes' head of investment and regeneration and 'Paris 2 Penybont' cyclist, Andrew Carey, said:

"Anthony Nolan is an amazing charity that does fantastic things for those with blood cancer and finding a match for those who need it. NPT Homes supported the Help Hollie campaign last year and has since voted Anthony Nolan as its 2015 chosen charity."

"I have experienced the efforts of their great work when Hollie, my second cousin, needed their support in finding a donor. Myself and the other cyclists are taking part in this challenge with the aim of raising £20,000 to say thank you to Anthony Nolan for all their help and to help them continue the amazing work they do."

Will Connolly, Head of Corporate Partnerships and Special Events at Anthony Nolan said: "On average, two thirds of UK patients who need a bone marrow transplant won't find a matching donor in their families, so they turn to us to find them an unrelated donor. It costs around £100 to recruit each potential donor to the bone marrow register and the money the team raise will help us to add

more potential lifesavers to our register."

To join the Anthony Nolan register, visit www.anthonynolan.org. To join the cycling team or to sponsor them on their challenge, visit www.justgiving.com/Paris2Penybont.

HOSPITAL Radio Glamorgan (RG) volunteer, Richard Manning, has secured funding for one of RG's shows from Keep Wales Tidy.

Catherine Moulogo from Keep Wales Tidy said: "We are delighted to sponsor the Monday Night Richard Manning Show. As Richard volunteers weekly for us and also volunteers for Hospital Radio Glamorgan, it is a fantastic way for both charities to support each other."

Richard has been a volunteer at RG for almost four years and hosts a two-hour music show on Monday evenings.

Richard said: "Keep Wales Tidy can be perceived as the litter police but tackling litter is only part of their work. They also target the other things that spoil our environment like graffiti, fly-tipping, vandalism, pollution – the anti-social issues that plague communities across Wales."

"As a volunteer there I can see that Keep Wales Tidy is about making Wales a better place for us all to live in. I hope to be able to provide opportunities within my weekly radio show that will help spread the message about the important work Keep Wales Tidy do."



RICHARD MANNING.

Justin's packing for his travels again in memory of his best friend Gareth

BRIDGEND rugby player Justin Hostettler-Davies is off on another fundraising adventure: his plan is to climb the UK and Eire's highest peaks in three days.

Justin is a committed fundraiser for the Motor Neurone Disease Association, after witnessing the death from the disease of his best friend, Gareth.

In 2013, Justin set out from Llandudno to walk non-stop all 700 miles of the newly-opened Wales Coastal Path. Sunburn, blisters, and a

would cheerfully never cycle again when he finished!

In two years, Justin has raised over £30,000 for MND Association and now in August he is planning his biggest challenge to date. The five highest peaks in UK and Eire are a torturing test of endurance and grit. To cap it all, on his way home, the mountain conquering hero is planning a quick up-and-down at south Wales' highest peak Pen y Fan, a mere 886 metres!

Justin's fundraising supports the South Wales Care Network, a joint project between the MND Association and NHS Wales, providing care and advice to people living with MND in South Wales.

Anyone wanting to support Justin's Climb4MND, should visit his Justgiving page at: <https://www.justgiving.com/climb4MND/>.

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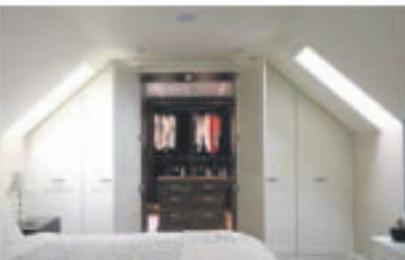
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Search for the 'lost' Vale playing fields

A NATIONWIDE campaign called #FieldFinders is asking the public to identify over 900 'lost' playing fields, originally protected as public green spaces by philanthropist Andrew Carnegie's charitable trust 90 years ago.

"We believe that 22 of these are in the Vale of Glamorgan, but we don't know the exact location, or if they even still exist!" a spokesperson said.

"The sites are 'lost' because their exact locations were never centrally recorded, but they are in fact protected from urban development under the original terms of the Carnegie grants.

"With green spaces at a premium and many being lost to urban redevelopment, the #FieldFinders campaign aims to protect some 3,000 football pitches, tennis courts, playgrounds and other recreational green spaces with better legal protection.

"But we need the public's help. #FieldFinders is hoping the public can help to locate the Carnegie playing fields, preserving the legacy of the original grants and

protecting the spaces for future generations.

"Members of a specialist team are in place to cross reference submissions with any surviving documentation and begin the process of keeping a site safe for generations to come."

The #FieldFinders campaign is targeted at local communities across the UK with the aim of local residents finding Carnegie playing fields in their area.

#FieldFinders will have until August 31 to report back via a dedicated web portal www.fieldsintrust.org/Carnegie.aspx about their Carnegie playing field.

Members of the specialist Fields in Trust team will then cross reference it with any surviving documentation and begin the process of improving legal protection of the site to keep it safe for generations to come.

Investigative 'Field Finders' are also being encouraged to share images of the sites using their social media platforms, specifically Twitter and Instagram.

Douglas White, head of Advocacy at Carnegie UK Trust, said: "We want to find as many of these fields as possible and ensure that they remain legally protected for the local community."

The appeals officer at Velindre

FOR 14 years, members of Soroptimist International Barry and District, assisted by family and friends, have donated knitted chicks to the Velindre Easter Chicks Appeal.

Volunteers fill the knitted chicks with chocolate eggs and these are sold for £1 each, with about 90 per cent of the chicks being sold in schools.

The children love them and like to collect them each year.

The appeals officer at Velindre

Hospital, Julie Smith, started the 'Chick Knit' 18 years ago, when her aim was to reach £1million!

Having reached her target, she is now aiming for her second million, as there is no let up in the demand for the chicks. Each year the club donates approximately 1,000 and, when delivering them this year, club president Jeni Gower-Jones, together with club appeal co-ordinator, Maywin Thomas, were pleased to meet some of the volunteers who fill and pack the chicks ready for distribution.

President Jeni also handed a

cheque for £82.50 to Julie in respect of knitted items sold by members.

The Velindre Appeal is always looking for new knitters, and if anyone would like to be involved please telephone Julie Smith on (029) 2031 6211.

The photo shows Maywin second from left, president Jeni, far right, together with Julie and the volunteers.

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As Foodbank numbers rise... Lions hand over donation

AS the Vale Foodbank passes the milestone of providing free emergency food parcels to almost 10,000 local people in crisis, it was visited by John Wordley, president of Llantwit Major & Cowbridge Lions who handed over a cheque for £500.

Receiving the donation on behalf of the Foodbank, Susan Lloyd Selby said: "The Lions is a wonderful organisation, consisting of volunteers who raise money and do whatever they can to help their local community."

Here in the Vale they support a huge number of local causes, including diabetic screening, the Big Wrap and the British Legion.

"As the number of people seeking help from the foodbank continues to rise, we are incredibly grateful to the Llantwit Major & Cowbridge Lions for their support."

Speaking on behalf of the Lions, John Wordley praised the foodbank's work and the dedication of all the volunteers involved: "The Lions

support humanitarian causes across the world, from our 'Sight First' programme, which is aiming to prevent and cure blindness in the Third World, to supporting young people from the Vale to work with disadvantaged children in Venezuela and India, but we also recognise and respond to needs on our own doorstep.

"We are delighted to be able to support the Vale Foodbank and hope this donation will enable them to continue to ensure no-one need go hungry in the Vale."

For more information about the work of Llantwit Major and Cowbridge Lions, call 0845 833 6763 or mail: secretary@lmandclions.org.uk; web:

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NFU member Mrs Ray Evans gave a vote of thanks to the committee for its hard work throughout a successful year.

February's meeting took place in the Penllyn Village Hall, and a talk was given by Tyrone Peach on 'Fraud awareness with credit cards'.

Chris James gave a vote of thanks and everyone felt very

enlightened by the talk.

February is also the time for the annual general meeting and at this meeting it is always the chairperson's privilege to select the charity of her choice.

Ann Rees chose

Kidney Research and £500 was sent.

The next meeting is on March 17 at the Penllyn Village Hall at 7.30pm, with a talk by Pam Miles on carnival glass. New members always welcome.

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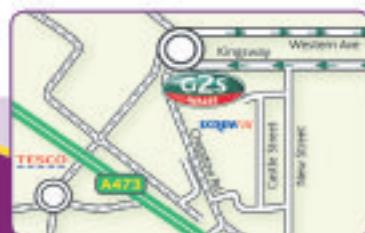


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- £5: 611283, 673382, 545606, 220736, 145262, 575628, 736573, 768741, 728858, 817895, 501115, 127973, 757673, 219744, 672062.

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Coffee morning

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There will be stalls and a raffle. Profit goes to Bobath and Ty Hapus. Everyone welcome!

Club celebrates

BARRY Athletic Cricket Club launches its 125th anniversary celebrations with a quiz/social night on Saturday, February 28 at

The West End Club at 7.30pm; £2.50 per person.

Arthritis UK coffee morning

THERE will be a St David's Day coffee morning in support of Arthritis UK on Saturday, February 28, in St Helen's Parish Hall, Wyndham Street, Barry, from 10am to 12 noon; entry £1.50 includes tea or coffee and Welsh cake.

There will be stalls, cake, cards, jewellery, fancy goods and a raffle. All proceeds for Arthritis Research UK.

Community Centre's homeless event

THERE is free food for the homeless on March 1 from 11am-2pm at Castleland Community Centre, Belvedere Crescent, Barry.

Soup and a sandwich and papers available to read. It is another initiative of the Drop-In Centre Development Trust.

Fair date

TREASURE Trove Fairs are holding an A&C Fair on St David's Day, March 1 (from 10am - 4pm) at the Copthorne Hotel, Culverhouse Cross, Cardiff CF5 6DH; free parking.

The hotel is putting on a special St David's Day lunch - contact 02920 512349; www.info@treasuretrovefairswales.com.

March on, girls!

VALE sports clubs are hosting free tasters and open days throughout March, to encourage women and girls of all ages to be more active, as part of a 'March on, Girls' scheme.

Women of all ages can sample rowing, tennis, football and a range of other activities.

Details at www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/marchon-girls.

Mediumship

THE Barry National Spiritualist church and centre will hold an evening of mediumship with Bernie Scott on March 2 at 7pm; pay at the door £4; Buttrills Road, Barry CF62 8EF.

Tax advice

TAXHELP for Older People will hold a free income tax surgery for those with income tax problems at the CAB offices, Bridgend on Friday, March 13.

To book an appointment, telephone 08456 013321.

Hugh's book

FORMER 'Stranglers' frontman Hugh Cornwell will be in Penarth on March 13 to talk about his new book, *Arnold Drive*, hosted by Griffin Books on the gallery of All Saints' Church, Victoria Square at 7.30pm.

Tickets on sale now at Griffin Books £5.

Mayor's charity dinner dance

THE Mayor of Barry, Coun Jeff Evans, will hold a 1920s-themed charity dinner dance at the Wenvoe Castle Golf Club, Wenvoe on Friday, April 17 at 7pm.

Tickets are £28 (£25 for senior citizens) and are available from Barry Town Council, 7 Gladstone Road, Barry CF62 8NA.

The evening will include live entertainment, four course meal, raffle/auction and disco. Everyone welcome. All proceeds are in aid of ValePlus and The Jam Fund, nominated charities of the Mayor of Barry.

For further information, contact the Mayor's secretary on 01446 704921, or email juliehurd@barrytowncouncil.gov.uk.

Rhoose bingo

RHOOSE Community Centre at Stewart Road, Rhoose is holding another bingo afternoon to raise funds for the running of the hall. Doors open at 1.45pm for a 2.30pm start on Saturday, February 28. Light refreshments are served at half time.

Young Merlin

NIGHT Owl Theatre present *Young Merlin*, a musical narrated by a charismatic young Merlin with six mad wizards, at the Paget Rooms, Penarth, from March 5-7.

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'It's so different in England!'

PAUL H Simpson (GEM letters) is completely correct in stating that the existing planning procedure in Wales is "not fit for purpose".

If we all lived in England, we would enjoy planning laws that are very different to Wales.

Local communities have a much stronger say and more importantly we would also have a veto on large housing developments of the type that will now destroy Colwinston. In England, communities do not have to accept top down housing targets.

The reason this absurd housing application for Colwinston went ahead is probably because our wonderful Welsh Assembly have a policy which forces 10,000 homes on the Vale, a 54 per cent increase on the average over the previous 15 years.

This is a wholly unsustainable number that the Vale planners refused to challenge. We have an LDP that drives development to rural villages and a planning system where the ability of an authority to reject an application is restricted.

These are Labour policies which the majority of residents in Colwinston and many other parts of the Vale have opposed strongly.

Ed Lewis,
(Vice chairman, Colwinston Community Council).

'What use is the Welsh language?'

IS there nothing anyone can do these days without being called racist, a bully, a victim and offensive?

I get cheered off with these words being bandied about constantly to cover anything anyone decides to get upset about. It is pathetic.

People need to grow up, get a backbone, and accept we are all entitled to express our views and opinions. To claim that saying Cowbridge is an "oasis of Englishness" is a racist remark, is nothing short of lunacy and stupidity.

One writer states they love the Welsh language and have learnt to speak

'GET JOBLESS TO CLEAN UP LITTER'

MPS are often the subject of criticism; however, I must write in praise of Alun Cairns. I wrote to him two weeks ago, regarding the litter problem in the area around Cowbridge, and specifically the section of road from Pentre Meurig to Llysworney.

Mr Cairns wrote back with a copy of his email to the Vale Council requesting action. Yesterday and today the council workmen are litter picking from Llantwit Major roundabout across Llandow through Llysworney to Pentre Meurig.

So it seems that it does pay to contact our local MP with any concerns – and thank you to the Vale Council for such prompt action.

However, isn't it a shame that at this time of austerity and cutbacks in funding for the various council departments, our rates have to be spent on a team of council workmen being paid to work the weekends cleaning up the mess

Welsh. Well, bully for you... whatever floats your boat; but most of us could not care less and are quite happy to speak English which is basically a universal language, unlike Welsh, which is only understood by a small minority of Welsh people.

So... of use is the Welsh language anywhere else except in small areas of Wales? None... it's taught nowhere else, except Wales and mostly forgotten the day you leave school.

My name is there for all to see and I expect a backlash from some – broad shoulders, water and 'duck's back' spring to mind.

Anne Usher, Barry.

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As such, most houses will probably not be affordable to many youngsters of the town.

The proposal is to build in the order of 380 houses, which means an extra 700-plus cars.

Our town has under 400 official car parking spaces, two council-owned and one at the Waitrose development.

This development is just outside what most would say, is an easy walking distance in to town – so it is fair to say that the majority will descend to park their cars in the already saturated car parks and side roads within the residential areas close to town.

The high street clogs up now on school runs, so just imagine it with all those extra cars. A new access road on to the bypass will not prevent this.

Other services that will be over-stretched

will be doctors and dentists, and it is difficult enough to get appointments now. Just wait till we get an extra thousand (20 per cent increase) or so new residents living here.

The town services infrastructure would all need to be upgraded – sewers, gas, electric and telephones; this means digging up existing roads causing mayhem.

The way forward has to be proper, integrated planning and the creation of new infrastructure – which includes roads with direct links to trunk roads and motorways bypassing already traffic-saturated villages; also the provision of new schools, a health centre, shops, etc, would need to be considered.

This could be best served by creating a new community using the existing brownfield site at Llandow. I am not a Nimby and I have lived in the Cowbridge area for 65 years.

I also know that every town has to develop and grow. I walk everywhere within the town and I am well placed to see what is happening.

I do not wish to see our town die from over saturation of population growth, causing breakdown of our existing services.

David Davies,
Cowbridge.

THANK YOU, MR WEATHERMAN!

HAVING been a recent in-patient at Velindre, Whitchurch (with, inter alia, spinal cancer) I am grateful to TV weatherman Derek Brockway for his proposed Patagonian adventure to raise much-needed funds for this outstanding hospital (The GEM, February 12).

Velindre was/is fantastic – the staff, the wards, the whole ethos of the centre.

Thank you GEM, thank you Derek. I, too, before my illness climbed Pen-y-Fan in the 'Fan Dance': it can be treacherous and dangerous.

Christopher Short,

Barry.

Readers' Letters

Please keep your letters BRIEF and address them to: The Editor, at Glamorgan GEM Ltd, Graig House, 53 Eastgate, Cowbridge CF71 7PA. Tel or email gemeditorial@tindlenews.co.uk

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BALANCED LETTERS ON HOUSING ISSUE

HOW refreshing to read the letters in The GEM from David Parry (February 12), David Kennett and John Evans (February 19) making a case for additional housing in the Vale.

Their eloquent letters provide balanced evidence to support the points they make which contrasts with previous letters in The GEM, including those from Cowbridge councillors, advocating that

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Memories of a wartime 'clippie'

WITH reference to 'Are you in the picture?' published in The GEM on February 19 which featured a 'Nantymoel' Western Welsh bus, it is quite possibly a bus on which my mother, Elizabeth-Ann (Betty) Thomas of Port Talbot (deceased) was a conductress, during the war years.

I have some remembered tales of her service routing, 39-46, duties which included Bridgend to RAF St Athan (picking up German PoW generals, on parole, from Island Farm camp) and the Bridgend Arsenal, where the day's routine included two trips to Ogmore and two to the Garw.

She threatened to expel them from her bus if they didn't desist! No-one defied She Who Must Be Obeyed.

David Biddle

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houses should be built in Barry, instead of Cowbridge – divisive and patronising.

We need more housing and the infrastructure to go with the new homes in both the rural and urban communities, and Messrs Kennett, Evans and Parry are right to point out the need for affordable housing to be more widely available.

The division within our communities regarding house building was clearly demonstrated when the planning committee voted on planning permission for 177 dwellings at White Farm, a well-loved, historical, and green area in the heart of Barry containing a 12th century church.

All rural councillors on the committee voted to approve the plan, while others voted against.

Coincidence or parochialism?

We do need to protect all of our special areas,

accept the need for more homes spread more evenly

across the Vale, and put pressure on planning policy

that is incapable of providing the infrastructure to support that growth.

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Tributes are paid to Lionel Rees Former Mayor 'great citizen of the town'

THE Vale AM, Jane Hutt has paid tribute to former Mayor and a great citizen of Barry, Mr Lionel Rees, who has died.

Ms Hutt said: "My heartfelt and deepest sympathies go out to Dot and her family for the loss of Lionel her beloved husband."

"Lionel was a former Mayor of Barry and long-serving town councillor dedicated to the town of Barry and his local community."

"Lionel was a Barry Town councillor for 25 years, serving Gibbonsdown and then Cadoc ward faithfully and diligently."

"His wife Dorothy (Dot) was Town Mayor in 1987 and he was her loving consort, as she was for Lionel when he was the Mayor in 1993-94."

"They were a truly remarkable couple sharing the same beliefs and values – caring for people and the community. Lionel was a wise friend and colleague and he will be greatly missed by his family, friends and the Sea View Labour Club, which he served faithfully."

Coun Chris Elmore said: "Lionel wasn't just a stalwart of the Vale of Glamorgan Labour Party, he was a dear friend to me, never afraid to speak his mind and give me advice on any subject he felt."

Eileen Moore of the Drop-In Centre Development Trust in the town knew him well through his commitments to the local community.

"He did a lot of charity fund-raising through the Sea View Labour Club."

"He was a supportive, kind and knowledgeable person."

"He was great company with a good sense of humour too."



Scouts get an early insight into Japan

EVERY four years, a world Scout Jamboree is held and the summer of 2015 sees the 23rd being held in Japan.

There will be a gathering of 4,000 Scouts from across the world, including one Explorer Scout, Emily Mortimore and the Group Scout Leader Martin Evans from 1st Penmark with Porthkerry Scout Group.

In celebration of the World Jamboree, the Cub Scout section attended a session called 'Japan in a box', where they learned about Japan and the World Jamboree. They looked at and painted Japanese symbols and Kabuki and Noh masks.

They discussed Japanese food and looked at the types of receptacle used and got to play with chopsticks, as well as dress up in kimonos.

They played a traditional game and tried their hands at origami. Many of the origami peace storks that they made will be taken to Japan by the group scout leader who will place them at a memorial, to remember



Eating Japanese style.

those who lost their lives at Hiroshima.

The Cubs thoroughly enjoyed the evening and it allowed them to learn about another part of the world and also be involved in a World Jamboree event that only takes place once every four years.

Who knows, maybe one or more of the Cubs learning about Japan in 2015 will have the opportunity to be involved in a future

World Jamboree, wherever that might be!

Carvery fun for Cubs

DURING half term 18 Cub Scouts from 1st Penmark with Porthkerry descended on the Toby Carvery, Rhoose (Cwm Ciddy) to take part in Chef School.

The Cubs had the opportunity, with the help of the Toby staff, to colour in Chef's paper hats and learn about

different fruits and vegetables and healthy eating.

One of the Cub Scout leaders, Bagheera (Tony Field) was nominated by the pack to go behind the scenes and help to carve some meat! The morning finished with the pack tucking into a delicious carvery!

The 1st Penmark with Porthkerry would like to say thank you to the Toby Carvery and the staff involved for making the morning very enjoyable and tasty!

COLETTE RAYMOND

PROBUS CLUB HEARS OF CHARITY WORK

ON February 17, member Colin Turner gave Dinas Powys Probus Club an account of his trips to Lesotho with members of The Penarth and District Lesotho Trust, involved in charity work to the children there.

This resulted in arch rivalry between Cardiff and Swansea, both wishing to be the location, and bidding for the meagre grant of £4,000 offered by the government.

Gordon detailed some of the banal claims the councils made for locating in their areas, such as Swansea being near the Mumbles, a very healthy location, and Cardiff assessing the number of trains that stopped in a day at its station, and Swansea counteracting with the higher number of Welsh speakers in the area.

Cardiff was eventually selected, with the promise of the university being set up in the top floor of the library in the Hayes. When it did open, the university was located on the top floor of Cardiff Royal Infirmary Hospital.

New members are very welcome and on Thursday, March 5 the speaker will be Mr Mike Cheeseman, whose topic is Gravity.

PMW

Bridgend and Vale share windfall from the Assembly

BRIDGEND, the Vale, RCT, Cardiff and Merthyr Tydfil encourage street play, buy new resources such as rope swings, climbing frames and transportable equipment to ensure children from disadvantaged areas have increased opportunities to play.

Villages are full of small businesses selling vegetables, imported worn shoes, particularly 'crocs'; metal workshops, cobblers and tapestry.

Training workshops have been set up in some areas to train men in skills such as bricklaying and carpentry, skills which they can then take back to their own villages.

The vote of thanks was given by Peter Coleman.

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Joe's back!

'THE Man With 1,000 Voices' Joe Longthorne returns to the Grand Pavilion, Porthcawl on Thursday, March 12 at 7.30pm.

His repertoire includes hundreds of the world's top singers and he has won gold and platinum discs for his albums.

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LLANDOW TIP: 'fill in potholes'

HAVE you visited the Llandow recycling centre recently? The approach to it reminds me of the fall of Berlin.

Some of the potholes are so deep that even President Putin's tanks would be hard pressed to get through! Once there, the attendants are all safely locked up in their caravan and there is nobody to offer any help.

Instead, elderly residents clutching heavy metal tongs up rickety and steep steps at grave risk to their health and safety.

I know that the roadway approaches belong to others, but all the council has to do is to put a load of hard-core over the worst of the potholes. Why are they not doing this? Why do we put up with it? Guy Howel Jones, Llandough.

Aniston impresses, but Cake makes for an underwhelming slice of cinema...

JENNIFER ANISTON'S career may have been the most impressive of the *Friends*' cast post-show, but she's still lacked the critical acclaim – instead finding herself in broad, commercial films like *Horrible Bosses*, *Marley and Me* and *Just Go With It*.

However, Aniston has shown her ability in the likes of *The Good Girl* and *Office Space*, and her latest film, *Cake*, sees her take on arguably her most serious role to date. She plays Claire, who, following an accident, attends a chronic pain group. When a female member of the group commits suicide, Claire becomes fascinated by her life, and finds herself growing closer to her widower, Roy (Sam Worthington)...

The first time we see Jennifer Aniston onscreen in *Cake* it is with a subtle, but noticeable, scar down

the right hand side of her face, with greasy, lank hair and a puffy face; not the Aniston that front covers of magazine would recognise certainly.

While her taking on this less-than-glamorous role may smack of the old adage that to 'ugly' yourself up in the name of art leads to critical acclaim, it isn't a sop to critics – instead this is Aniston at her rawest, playing against type in a film that may feel a little shopworn, but is lit up by her incredibly powerful performance.

There's type of character that Aniston has perfected down the years – happy-go-lucky, funny, warm – that Claire is a million miles away from. Acerbic, angry, frustrated and keen to take it out on anyone around her, she's the sort of character it would be very easy to take a dislike to – yet Aniston's natural charm and personality shines the slimmest of lights onto the character, and as the story develops Claire becomes if not quite a sympathetic

figure, then certainly an empathetic one.

Anyone who knows the actress purely for her lighter work will be pretty surprised by how good she is here, but those who have seen the aforementioned *The Good Girl* will know how Aniston is capable of stretching her range, and she does it here again with no little aplomb.

There is a wry, dry comedic sensibility, not quite black but certainly dark, that allows her to stretch her legs a little, but in the film's more darker and harder moments she really comes into her own. Around her are her sparring partners Roy (Sam Worthington) and her cleaner/assistant (Adriana Barraza), both of whom offer more than able support, while having their own small moments to embellish their characters.

What is a shame is that around these impressive turns there is very little narrative weight. Patrick Tobin's script doesn't really plough new ground, and

the narrative beats feel familiar and expected; there is no point where you see anything that you haven't seen before, from the reason Claire is in both the physical and mental state that she is, through to the slight redemption of her character – while the story feels like it builds and builds to something, but never really gets there.

Director Daniel Barnz fares slightly better, the film having a visual style that is striking, but again feels a little too similar to the many independent films that share that woozy aesthetic; there are a few clever moments, but again it feels like something you've seen before.

It's Jennifer Aniston's performance that truly makes you want to have a slice of *Cake* however, and watching the former *Friend* be anything but friendly in such a superb turn makes you want to see more of her in more dramatic fare; sadly, however, *Cake* fails to match her performance.

VERDICT: A case of a superb performance enlivening an otherwise lackluster film, Jennifer Aniston delivers an incredibly powerful performance – but *Cake* is unable to match it with a story that feels predictable and all too common. Without Aniston it would be a below-average effort; with her it's above average. Worth watching.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *The Good Girl* (2002), *American Beauty* (1999).



by GARETH JAMIESON
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I vote for Julia!
THERE have been articles in the press recently on who is the greatest person from Cardiff which leads me to ask who is the greatest person from my home town of Barry?

After a lot of thought, for me it must be Julia Gillard – the first woman prime minister and first woman Labor leader in Australia.

Born in the Queen Street area of Barry, she emigrated to Australia in 1966 and was first elected to the House of Representatives in 1998, becoming PM in 2007. Councillor Richard Bertin, Independent, Vale of Glamorgan Council.



Bob Carter from F1 in Schools with the BCS Bloodhound Team – Joshua Garland, Dylan Davies, Ruben Hopkin, Luke Sargent, Jack Oliver and Thomas Froud.

NEWS IN AND OUT OF CLASS AT THE BARRY COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL



The BCS Racing Team, Mitchell Thorngate, Oliver Bartlett, William Eddy, Thomas Cosgrove and Gareth Hurman.

COUNCILLOR STEPS DOWN

THE Vale Council announced this week that it had reduced the size of its cabinet to six members following the resignation of Coun Rob Curtis as cabinet member for environment.

Coun Neil Moore, Leader of the Council, said: "At a time of significant cuts to local government spending, the only appropriate course of action was to

example.

"Coun Curtis' departure will be a great loss to the authority. I have thanked him for his considerable input over the past three years and look forward to continuing to work with Rob in his role as a ward member."

The size of the council's cabinet was reduced from 10 posts to seven in 2012, a change which has saved the council in excess of £100k in the years since.

The role of cabinet member for environment, which include responsibility for waste management and recycling, highways maintenance, and street lighting, will be redistributed amongst the remaining cabinet members.

Details of their expanded portfolios will be confirmed at the next managers to find meeting of full council considerable savings. I on March 4. Coun Curtis feel it is only right that remains a ward member the council's political for the Gibbonsdown leadership lead by ward in Barry.

News from Barry Community Garden
WE are having a Welsh-themed day on March 2 when we'll be wearing something Welsh, such as a daffodil or leek or rugby top. We'll also have a cup of Welsh tea and a Welsh cake for visitors who want to pop in. Everyone welcome between 10am – 2pm.

On March 12, we are working with Keep Wales Tidy to run a workshop on how to sharpen and maintain your garden tools. Bring along your blunt shears and secateurs and we'll help you make them as good as new. Everyone welcome between 10am – 1pm. Both events are being held at Barry Community Garden and Allotment, off Dyfnal Road, Gibbonsdown, Barry, CF63 1RU.

For more information email gardenmanager@hotmail.co.uk or contact us through our Facebook page www.facebook.com/BarryCommunityGardenAllotment. LW

F1 in Schools success

TWO teams from Barry Comprehensive School won through to the F1 in Schools national finals from the regional final held recently at Swansea Waterfront Museum.

F1 in Schools Ltd is a social enterprise working with industry partners to create a fun and exciting learning environment for young people to develop an informed view about careers in engineering, science, marketing and technology.

BCS Racing took the honours in the F1 Class of the competition, beating 9 other teams and BCS Bloodhound won the Bloodhound Class, beating eight other teams. Congratulations to BCS Racing were both teams!

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said: "For the second year in a row we're through to the Nationals, to face the other competitors and see how we perform against them. We think our standard of engineering and our team performance put us ahead of the rest."

In addition to their own preparations for the competition, the senior team also set up and ran the new BCS Bloodhound team. The older students mentored the Year-7 students through their first F1 in Schools experience and were delighted at the new team's success.

The BCS Bloodhounds said: "We're feeling amazing after winning. Our presentation was our strongest part. We're very proud to be going to Birmingham, especially as it's the first time we've done this."

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Agatha Christie library opened at Atlantic College



Only Boys Aloud performed at the event.

The bust of Agatha Christie is unveiled by Matthew Pritchard.



Gareth Thomas play is great entertainment, BUT BRIDGEND IS SHORT-CHANGED

WHEN Gareth Thomas launched his autobiography at an event in Cowbridge last year, he was asked about a proposed play on his life, entitled *Crouch, Touch, Pause, Engage*.

He said that after working on the book, he wanted to do something different, and spoke about his desire to be involved in something positive for his home town, Bridgend.

He was interested in combining his life story with something that would redress the balance after the events of January and February 2008, which led to Bridgend being labelled 'the suicide capital of the world'.

It seemed an admirable wish, but a difficult trick to pull off. Nevertheless, National Theatre Wales asked Out of Joint theatre company, under the direction of Max Stafford Clark, to tackle it, and they decided to do the piece in writer Robin Soans' 'verbatim' style.

What you get is six excellent Welsh actors, three male and three female, who all at one time, or another speak Gareth Thomas' words, and they also play a range of people who were affected by the suicides, or by Gareth's struggle over whether to come out in the ultra-male sport of rugby.

So, the play will run at the Sherman Theatre in Cardiff until March 7, and then goes on tour around Wales, finishing the Welsh run in Bridgend, with

Autism event

THE National Autistic Society's Cardiff and Vale branch will hold a coffee morning at Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry, CF62 8DN on Saturday, March 14 (10.30am-12pm).

Though aimed at parents/carers of children/adults with autism, it may interest professionals working with families who live with autism.

See the branch website at www.cardiffandvaleautism.org.uk or email: nascardiff@nas.org.uk.

Meet Plaid

THE next free coffee morning organised by Plaid Cymru councillors in Dinas Powys will be held on Saturday, February 28 in Lee Hall, Britway Road, at 11am.

The future use of Old St Cyres school site and the Cross Common Bridge will be discussed.

by PHILIP IRWIN

three nights at the Sony Theatre in Bridgend College (March 26-28).

Then, through April, May and June, it tours England and I have to confess that after 10 minutes, my first thought was: "What are the English going to make of this?"

It's not the strong Welsh accents - Ruth Jones' *Stella* has done the groundwork there. It's the fact that much of the first 10 minutes is taken up with the history of Bridgend Rugby Club.

The glory days with JPR, Steve Fenwick et al, the reputation for scintillating back play, and the sense of pride in beating big city neighbours such as Cardiff or Swansea.

Then you get the machinations of professionalism, of regional rugby, the forced merger with Pontypridd, and the eventual demise of the Celtic Warriors. Is it suggested that the loss of civic pride played a part in the eventual spate of suicides? Never explicitly, but that is the subtext.

Despite its serious subject, the show is very funny, and there are plenty of laughs throughout this piece. Incidentally, the language is not for anyone's maiden aunt.

Once the rugby history lesson is over, we learn more about Gareth Thomas as he grows up and becomes aware that he is different.

Cast members play his parents and friends and we are introduced to two young Bridgend College students who, it turns out, are going to shine some light on the mindset of young Bridgend people.

Bridgend's own Kate-Elin Salt plays Meryl, a young girl coping with the trauma of her father's suicide, and trying to make sense of it. Katie-Elin does wide-eyed innocence better than anyone, and her character is the one that asks the most questions.

Her friend, Darcey, played by Lauren Roberts, has plenty of spirit, but also has mental health issues and during the play has a number of failed suicide attempts, until she comes to an 'overview' of Bridgend.

The staging is clever, with each cast member helpfully putting on a Welsh jersey with 'Thomas' on the back whenever they are playing Gareth.

They spend quite some time throwing a rugby ball around the stage and I'm pleased to say that the all-Welsh cast did not let down their nation - no one sent out a bad pass and no one dropped the ball! Two of the male cast, Rhys ap William and

Patrick Brennan, have serious rugby experience, so they clearly taught their fellow cast members well.

Rhys and Patrick are both excellent, playing a range of characters, as are Daniel Hawksford and Bethan Witcomb.

As Gareth's story develops, it covers much the same ground as recent BBC documentaries, although there are several surprising revelations, which I'm not going to pass on here.

At the same time, Meryl and Darcey tell their stories, but they are running in parallel, rather than really connecting.

The writer and director try to overcome this with a rapid five-minute tie-up at the end, where Gareth visits the college to meet the girls, and each is inspired by the other's struggles.

Then the cast get together and sing 'Guide Me O Thy Great Redeemer'. They sing it damn well, but it is all a bit too neat.

Nevertheless, the play provides great entertainment, is thought-provoking, and is much funnier than the subject matter suggests. Only a prude could sit there stone-faced.

So, why do I have that feeling that Bridgend was short-changed? Well, we journalists were kindly given a book with the script in full, and act two starts with a scene involving Bridgend MP Madeleine Moon, and Katie-Elin Salt's character Meryl.

It's quite long, and Madeleine Moon talks about the effect of the Bridgend suicides at the time, while Meryl gives an insight into how young people viewed the media storm.

The only problem is that this scene was dropped from the performance. I can only assume that the production team wanted a snappier opening to the second half.

So, who puts Bridgend's point of view? Step forward Neil Kinnock. After all, a Gwent MP, an EEC Commissioner and a member of the House of Lords is the obvious choice for an 'overview' of Bridgend.

What's more, the Neil Kinnock in this show throws off a few comments, such as "rock and roll killed the chapels" and "Scargill and Thatcher between them killed the mining industry" but seems more intent on getting to the bar for a pint.

It's a verbatim documentary, of course, so he clearly did say what he says on stage. I'm puzzled, however, by the way his character is drawn.

What is he meant to represent? Answers on a postcard please.....

THE official opening of the Agatha Christie Library at UWC Atlantic College was performed on February 16 by Mathew Pritchard CBE, DL, grandson of legendary murder mystery writer, Agatha Christie.

play, *The Mousetrap*. The ceremony at St Donat's also included a performance by the college's theatre arts students, marking the 125th anniversary of Christie's birth with a special enactment of the author's most renowned

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Beavers and Cubs scout around Westminster!



The youngsters take in the big city!

WHAT do you do with a group of Beavers and Cubs on the first day of half term? Hire a coach and go to London!

About a year ago, a Scout from 11th Barry Sea Scouts held an event to raise over £500 to fund the purchase of a new Shelter Box for the Young Shelter Box Appeal. Among the guests was Alun Cairns MP, who invited the group on a tour of Westminster Palace.

Early one wet and dark Monday morning, the Beavers, Cubs, helpers and Leaders of 11th Barry along with new District Commissioner Chris Parsons, boarded a coach for London.

First stop was the Imperial War Museum where we walked along the Thames, past Lambeth Palace Gardens and on to Westminster Bridge.

At Westminster Hall we were met by Mr Cairns and Hannah Kentish, The Scouts Association's first ever UK Youth Commissioner. Mr Cairns told them about the history of the hall, including how Henry VIII used to play tennis in the hall, which fascinated



them.

Five Beavers were invested into Cubs and Chris Parsons made presentations to the leaders: Bryan Foley, Barry Group Scout Leader received his 15 years service award. Assistant Beaver Section Leader, Stephanie Murray, was presented with her Wood Badge – the internationally recognised Scouting training award.

Following a fascinating tour of the Palace, which included the House of Lords and House of Commons, the party made our way back to our coach and started our return journey to Barry.

For further information, contact scouts.org.uk/home/ to find your nearest group.

Youth Project AGM

PENARTH Youth Project will hold its AGM on Monday, March 9 at 5pm in Room 2, West House, Stanwell Road, Penarth. Refreshments will be served.

Cool Crafts

THERE will be Cool Crafts at Cowbridge Library on Saturdays from 10.30am-11.30am for children aged five and above (£2 per session).

Take a Peak at challenge for Ty Hafan!

THE GE Aviation Wales Welsh 3 Peaks challenge in aid of Ty Hafan, now in its 17th year, takes place on June 20 with walkers scaling Snowdon – the highest peak in Wales, Cadair Idris, and Pen-y-Fan – all within 15 hours.

More than 5,000 people have travelled from all over the world to take on the challenge and a total of £1,400,000 has been raised for Ty Hafan, the hospice for children in Wales, in Sully.

A group of dads of some of the children and young people supported by Ty Hafan will be entering teams once again this year.

Andrew Evans from Cardiff took part last year, a few months before his two-year-old son, Oscar, sadly lost his battle with Menkes Disease.

He said: "We wore Ty Hafan t-shirts with pictures of our children on the front and when we reached the top of Pen-y-Fan, we placed their teddies and soft toys down as a tribute to them. It was emotional and a special moment for us all."

Andrew, his partner, Jenn, along with their family friends have been fundraising tirelessly for Ty Hafan and have so far raised more than £10,000 for the charity.

"We are part of the Ty Hafan

family now," said Andrew. "We will never forget what they have done for us and will continue to raise funds in Oscar's memory so they can help more families like ours."

GE Aviation Wales has supported the Welsh 3 Peaks event since it started in 1998.

The first challenge was instigated by a group of GE Aviation Wales employees and a few members of the original team are still involved with the event.

Mike Patton, Managing Director said: "We are incredibly proud to support the GE Aviation Wales Welsh 3 Peaks challenge. Ty Hafan provides a vital service to the local community and the hospice supports hundreds of children and their families all year round.

"The challenge attracts people from all across Wales and beyond. The atmosphere on the day is fantastic, and it is great to see so many people coming together to raise money for such an important and worthwhile cause."

To enter, each team of four plus a designated driver is asked to pay a £50 registration fee, plus £800 in sponsorship. Register online at www.welsh3peaks.co.uk or call 029 2053 2283 for more information.

'HGVs SHOULD KEEP TO AGREED ROUTES'

LAST week, a GEM reader raised the issue of HGVs travelling through Barry, particularly with regard to routes taken to the Waterfront development in the town.

Here, MARCUS GOLDSWORTHY, of the Vale of Glamorgan Council, responds to the issues raised.

IN response to the letter written to The GEM on February 19, I echo the sympathies sent to the families of those involved in the tragic accident in Bath.

I completely understand the concerns raised in the letter regarding the Waterfront development.

This is a huge project, involving the redevelopment of the West Pond and South Quay areas for residential, retail, and leisure uses, as well as a much-needed new link road to Barry Island, all of which is estimated to bring in around £230m of investment to the area.

Naturally, this means there will be an amount of construction traffic while work is ongoing. The developers have in turn reiterated to the council that they will be ensuring that all contractors adhere to the agreed routes.

It should of course be noted that these conditions will only control the routes taken by vehicles which are connected with the Waterfront development and cannot enforce routes taken by any other heavy vehicles.

Nevertheless, if it is proven that the relevant condition is being breached, the service of a formal 'Breach of Condition Notice' on the developers will be the next step.

Accordingly, we would encourage residents to contact council officers should they have any concerns that the development traffic for the Waterfront is not using the agreed route, via the contact centre on 01446 700111, the planning enforcement complaint form, or by emailing visible@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk.

We are always open to working with the local community to iron out any issues, and to help make the Vale a better place for all.

We are very confident this project will be a huge boost, not just for Barry, but for the Vale as a whole.

Incinerator plan should be sent back, says group

BARRY & Vale Friends of the Earth say they are "deeply concerned" to see that Sunrise Renewables is hoping to locate an incinerator at Barry Dock. A previous application failed.

Keith Stockdale, a coordinator with the group, said: "The Docks Incinerator Action Group has sprung back into life and will fight this proposal right through."

"We hope to win full support from Barry Town Council at their planning meeting on March 3."

"The Vale Council should send the plan back as inadequate and tell Sunrise it does not fit with current aspirations for clean development and light industry on this part of the dock."

The Glamorgan GEM

Food For Thought... ARE WE IN THE GOLDEN AGE OF DINING OUT?

A HOST of favourable factors mean there has never been a better time to dine out. In recent years there have been a huge improvements in British cuisine.

There are several reasons for this. In a time of austerity, restaurants and gastro-pubs have become highly competitive. Also, thanks to 'cookery evangelism' on TV, diners have become more knowledgeable and demanding (not a bad thing).

Here in the Vale of Glamorgan and Bridgend, we now have a rich variety of dining experiences, all vying for new clients

as eateries are forced to become more innovative and specialise in a way they would never have dreamed of in the distant past.

Today's chefs will offer specialities such as adventurous seafood dishes and exotic desserts. In fact, foreign cuisine is very well featured on local menus – and it all adds up to even greater choice for the discerning consumer.

Compare these changes to days of yore when, apart from a few 'eccentric' exceptions, dining out appeared to be exclusively about familiar, traditional dishes.

Foodies now have a little extra help, too! They can check The GEM and restaurant websites to see what is on offer, and the local authority puts 'scores on the doors' to let local people know how well an outlet is run.

Restaurant prices are keener than ever, too – and it all adds up to an inescapable conclusion – there's never been a better time to dine out!

The Gallery named as the top 'sustainable restaurant' in Wales

A Barry bistro which is one of only a handful in the UK to serve British grown tea, and has plans to become the first brewer of beer using Welsh-grown hops, has been named the most sustainable restaurant in Wales.

The Gallery's owner Barnaby Hibbert, received the award from Raymond Blanc, President of the Sustainable Restaurant Association (SRA), at the Sustainable Restaurant Awards, in London on Monday, February 23.

Serving organic vegetables grown locally by a charity that employs people with learning difficulties, complemented by foraged ingredients and seafood landed by

boat captains who are friends of the owner, helped the 80-cover bistro and bar win the award for the second year running.

Among other factors that contributed to The Gallery's success, were the biodynamic and organic wines and exclusive Welsh beer.

The Clink, at HMP Cardiff, the prison training restaurant, and Enochs Fish and Chips, in Llandudno, were named as runners-up.

The theme of the event was the Future of Food and the 250 guests were served cricket canapés prepared by Wahaca, before sitting down to enjoy an exquisite two-course menu prepared by James Golding, Chef Director of THE PIG and served by a team of graduates from The Clink Charity.

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Warm Welsh tastes on a very cold night!

THE Bont Faen WI welcome Sian Roberts to the February meeting – to talk about Welsh food and drink.

Members who ventured out on a cold, wet night, were treated to a glass of locally-produced perry, which was available at the meeting, the next couple of months being full of interesting social and fundraising events.

We are hoping to repeat the success with the May Fair Lucky Dip.

Our next meeting on March 9 is on the subject of card and other fraud awareness. Visitors are welcome.

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POSITIVE REPORT ON COUNCIL'S PROGRESS IN AUSTERE TIMES

LAST month, I wrote about the decision of the Welsh Government not to allow the council to continue to explore a voluntary merger with Bridgend Council.

This month, I am pleased to confirm that the Vale Council has received a grant of £1.2m from the Welsh Government in recognition of its high achievement for 2013/14.

The award relates to the council's Outcome Agreement, which covers five key areas – supporting the local economy, increasing school attainment, improving the lives of older people, improving social housing, and reducing landfill.

This positive review resulted in the authority qualifying for the maximum award available. I am, therefore, pleased at the Welsh Government's recognition of our success, which serves to demonstrate that the Vale of Glamorgan Council is a high achieving local authority.

This success is a testament to the hard work of officers who continue to deliver high quality services at a time of unprecedented financial pressure. Their hard work ensures that Vale residents continue to receive the best services that we can deliver.

SCHOOLS' STRATEGY

Last month, I indicated that we would report on the continuing school investment programme and the consultation in relation to the secondary

education provision in Barry.

This follows on from the successes at Cowbridge Comprehensive School, the Penarth Learning Community, and our decision to create a new 'learning community' in Llanwit Major.

The recent report recommended further consultation on the proposed £35m transformation of secondary education in Barry. The proposals considered by cabinet this week include the creation of a Welsh medium campus for Ysgol Bro Morgannwg and Ysgol Nant Talwg on the current Bryn Hafren site, which is large enough to allow for the required expansion of Ysgol Bro Morgannwg in line with the projected increase in pupil numbers.

The proposal would also lead to the creation of a mixed-sex English medium campus on the current Barry Comprehensive, Ysgol Bro Morgannwg and Ysgol Nant Talwg site.

The planned investment would see over £18m committed to improving the new mixed English campus and nearly £17m spent on the new Ysgol Nant Talwg and Bro Morgannwg campus.

This approach is being taken for several reasons. When we consulted on mixed-sex schooling there was strong support for co-education. We had initially envisioned a single mixed comprehensive school split across two sites.

However, as we began to develop a detailed plan for delivering this, it became clear that a reorganisation of English medium education in Barry also presented the opportunity to expand

Ysgol Bro Morgannwg and by doing so, enable the high performing school to meet the ever increasing demand for Welsh-medium education in the Vale.

The new proposal will not only provide first class English and Welsh medium secondary schools with sufficient capacity to accommodate future generations of schoolchildren, but also addresses the concerns that many staff and parents raised about the difficulties of splitting a school across two sites.

Even in such austere times, the Labour-led administration is absolutely committed to providing top quality education facilities for all children in the Vale.

It is, therefore, proposed that a full consultation will commence on this new proposal from May 11 for eight weeks, after which a further report will come back to cabinet for consideration.

We believe that the proposed changes will be the final piece in the puzzle in terms of providing the Vale with the highest standard of secondary education we can deliver.

However, as always, the views of our residents are paramount, and if there is no support for the proposal, we will reconsider the issue and look to see if the status quo will have to remain.

As there is much speculation and ill-informed rumour on this subject, I would urge everyone interested to read the cabinet report in full, which can be found on the council's website - valeofglamorgan.gov.uk.

Full details of what is being proposed

VIEW FROM THE VALE
by Coun **NEIL MOORE**
Leader of the Vale of Glamorgan Council



new Eastern Prom to ride scooters and bicycles safely and trying out their skills on the new climbing wall.

The huts will be available to hire all year round from March 23. During spring and summer they will be available from 10am until 8pm (10pm during peak weeks) at a cost of £20 per day for the smaller huts and £40 per day for the larger huts.

During autumn and winter, they will be available from 10am until 6pm at a cost of £15 and £30 per day, which can be booked in advance online via Contact One Vale.

The larger huts will also be available to community groups and commercial traders during certain weeks of the year.

Finally, I have reluctantly accepted the resignation of Coun Rob Curtis as a cabinet member because he could not devote as much time to his cabinet role as he wanted.

Coun Curtis' departure will be a great loss and I thank him for his input and support over the past three years.

As a result, and following on from reducing the cabinet from 10 posts to seven in 2012, a change which has saved the council in excess of £100k, I have decided to further reduce the size of the cabinet to six.

At a time of significant financial constraints being placed on the council by central government, we currently have to find considerable savings and I believe it is only right that the council's political leadership should lead by example.

Double duty no obstacle for Penarth hockey team!

TWO games in as many days proved to be no obstacle for Penarth Hockey Club's first XI, who used a little fortune and a lot of fortitude to claim back-to-back wins, while the seconds also won make it a successful weekend all round.

BRISTOL & WEST 2-4 PENARTH

Penarth travelled across the Severn on Saturday to face a Bristol & West team that had only lost one game at home all season, knowing that a win against their mid-table rivals would stand them in good stead in pursuit of a top five finish.

Despite the odds appearing to be against them, the Bears started strongly, playing some very good passing hockey, and it wasn't long before their pressure produced the opening goal, albeit a scrappy affair that saw Chris McCarthy eventually slot the ball in the top corner.

Buoyed by their breakthrough, Penarth continued to put the West Country team under pressure and were rewarded with a penalty corner, which was expertly drag-flicked straight down the middle past the helpless keeper.

Although Penarth appeared to be fully in control, the home side broke against the run of play to score a goal with their first chance of the game, reducing the deficit and leaving the visitors shaken. With their tails up, Bristol increased the pressure and capitalised on some poor clearances to claim a penalty corner of their own.

Although Mark Harris saved the initial strike, Bristol reacted better to the rebound, tapping in a bouncing ball to level the scores.

CHELTENHAM 'B' 2-4 PENARTH

Perhaps complacent after their Saturday win, Penarth started slowly against bottom club Cheltenham and soon found themselves 2-0 down.

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Unfortunately, we were the match result was a 4-1 win

With the game now in the balance, both teams attempted to push forward in search of the halftime advantage, but it was Penarth who claimed the crucial goal as Chris Baker attacked from the right and took full advantage of Sam Chick's intelligent diversionary run to find Tom Parkinson unmarked at the far post.

Determined not to dent their home record further, Bristol committed more men forward from the start of the second period, putting Penarth under pressure and creating several chances, but the Vale side dug in and a committed performance from the defence weathered the early storm.

Penarth then started to regain control of the game, creating chances of their own, but it took an improbable goal to settle the game. Beginning with a simple one-two between Baker and Tom Haran, the former found himself tight on the byeline, but his speculative cross deceived the Bristol keeper and crept in off the back post to make the score 4-2 in the visitors' favour.

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New players are very welcome to just turn up on the night but if you contact one of the club members through the website we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind, and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival. For more details, visit our website at <http://barrychessclub.yolasite.com>.

Phil Jones, Club Secretary

A second goal followed quickly as Sam Docherty threw a big aerial towards the Cheltenham area, where Wells was again on hand to set up Chris Baker for an easy finish.

Penarth were now in ruthless mood, with Baker gradually taking control of proceedings, punishing some poor defending and smashing the ball past the hapless Cheltenham keeper to give the visitors their first lead of the afternoon.

Baker also played a part in the fourth and final Penarth goal, forcing the home keeper into a save only for the ball to bounce back to Sam Chick, who slapped the ball home to secure a vital three points and complete a successful foray into England for the Welsh club, who rise to fourth in De Cymru & The Marches 1 with four games to play.

PENARTH A'2-0 CAREW
While the senior side was venturing across the bridge, the 2nd XI welcomed an improving Carew side, determined to avenge a contentious 5-2 defeat in the reverse fixture.

Although the visitors took time to find their feet on the tricky Barry pitch, the opening exchanges were evenly matched, with Dave Watkins and Matt Birch putting pressure on the Carew goal and the Penarth defence coping ably with any attacks the south Wales side managed to put together.

Knowing that they needed to make a breakthrough before the interval, Penarth began to play some nice passing hockey, linking through James Davies, Dave Thompson and the industrious Rob Harrison to increase the pressure on Carew's defence, but it was a quick move down the left flank that eventually produced the opening goal, as Birch found Watkins in the 'D' and the veteran finished coolly.

With their confidence up, Penarth took the game to the visitors for the remainder of the half, and were rewarded with a second goal when an illegal high stick on the goalline resulted in a penalty flick, which Birch converted nonchalantly to give the Vale side a 2-0 advantage at the break.

Carew, however, continued to pose a threat and Penarth knew that further goals would be needed to put the game beyond doubt.

Despite a brief snowstorm, the Bears continued to create chances through youngsters Sam Salisbury and Rory Vizard but, in typical fashion, failed to

convert any.

The defensive combination of Ian Smith, Zbig Sobierski, Craig Llewellyn, Paul Roberts and Graeme Jones successfully snuffed out the future of Welsh hockey for 50 minutes and the game ran its course with both sides going close to adding to the scoreline.

Penarth had reason to thank goalkeeper Paul Thomas for clearing up one Carew break and the stand-in was eventually rewarded with a clean sheet as the home side survived a spell of late pressure to run out 2-0 winners.

With their nearest rivals not playing, Penarth reclaimed the hotly-contested fifth place in De Cymru 2, but know that the remaining four fixtures will be crucial in determining who heads the division's midfield pack come the season's end.

This weekend sees the 1st XI hosting a Bristol University side just two points behind them in the standings, while the seconds travel to take on a Llanishen & Caerphilly team looking to cement third spot in the lower division.

Training takes place on the artificial turf at Barry Sport Centre every Wednesday, with the juniors in action between 6-7pm and seniors between 7-8pm.

Further information can be obtained from: club secretary **Dave Stevens** via **CL** d_stevens81@hotmail.co.uk.

Emphatic win for Cowbridge team

PLAYING in the months.

Outstanding in the backs were Joe Nott and Kyle May Rees, while Charlie Martin, Harry Hopkins and Will Couzens were the pick of the pack; top tacklers were Matthew Keating and Josh Evans.

Top try scorers to date are Dan Bunney (7), Sean Davies (5), Sam Palmer, James Holder and Cai Evans (4) and Harrison Stevens (3).

Cai Evans has scored 68 points (25 conversions and six penalties). Top record to three

BRIDGING A GAP FOR TY HAFAN

SULLY Bridge Club has again turned up trumps for Ty Hafan – members have a bookstall, bring and buy – which they keep well stocked and when it gets to £50, it goes to help Ty Hafan and they start over again.

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HARD WORK PAYS OFF AS ARTISTIC CLUB ROLL ON TO SUCCESS ACROSS BORDER!

IT was a 5am start for the Glamorgan Artistic Roller Skating Club, who took part in West Berkshire's artistic roller skating competition on February 15.

They competed in nine events overall and were placed on the podium in almost every event they entered.

The results were as follows: Mollie Griffith, sixth in the Newcomers Solo; under-10s novice solo, Maya Archampong second; Erin Maxwell sixth; Bethan Daly first in her novice solo event; Michael Vaughan and Phoebe Escott joint first and Medi Western third in novice solo event; Nareece Igbal seventh in novice solo; Ewan Maxwell first and Charleigh Griffith second in their novice solos; Kaitlin Daly second in elementary solo; Lara Goodwin second in preliminary solo; Michael Vaughan and Bethan Daly first in the novice duos; Charleigh Griffith and Ewan Maxwell fifth in novice duos; Phoebe Escott and Medi Western fourth in novice duos.

All novice teams were placed on the podium with a special mention to Medi Western who stepped in at the last moment to skate up two levels in the junior team, placing third, and Elizabeth Vaughan who came fifth in the over 30s solo event.

It was a long day but rewarding for the skaters and coaches who now feel that all the hard work in training is starting to pay off!

Sheilah Davies the head coach was unable to be at the event but was extremely proud of the skaters as were the other coaches, Anne Marie Escott, Elizabeth Vaughan, Donna Daly, Hilary Cridge. The coaches would also like to thank Julie Whittingham, a friend of the club who has been providing help to the coaching team.

The skaters train three times a week in Cogan, Colcot and Llantwit Major leisure centres. Our club session is held at Colcot Sports Centre, Barry on Tuesdays from 6pm-8pm; this costs £4 or £6 with skates hire – the best value roller skating session in the Vale! Skates must be reserved before attending.

Anybody interested in joining the club should contact the club secretary, on 07517 854453, or visit our website, Glamorgan-artistic-rsc.webs.com or see our facebook page.

AMY GOODWIN



Llantwit Major under-12s defeat Cowbridge in cold conditions

LLANTWIT MAJOR under-12s faced off against Cowbridge.

From the start you could tell Cowbridge were going to use their forwards to full advantage and throw everything at the Llantwit Major team.

The first ruck saw all the Cowbridge forwards piling in trying to overwhelm the Llantwit squad. Llantwit had prepared well for this game and only placed the minimum amount of players into these rucks, allowing them to have a stronger defensive line.

This tactic showed early on to work, as every Cowbridge attack was thwarted by an aggressive defensive line forcing them back.

Llantwit on the attack looked dangerous with ball in hand, moving it along the line, and with great support work from the likes of Sam Deere, Spencer Williams and Rhys Lloyd, soon forced their way towards the Cowbridge try line.

The Cowbridge tactics seemed to leave their back line vulnerable to the bigger Llantwit backs. Ewan Heywood, Jacob Pereira and Kieran Daw were soon putting together some good attacking moves, which were slowly showing up weaknesses in the Cowbridge defence.

From a loose Cowbridge kick, the ball was collected by fullback Cole Saunders, who gladly attacked the Cowbridge line and eventually broke through to score in the far right corner.

Llantwit's heads were now up and from the kick off they attack the line again with the running skills of Kofi Jones and Connor Booker.

Again Cowbridge throw everything they had at Llantwit with no success, the more mobile Llantwit

forwards again refrained from committing to the break downs, relying on pop passes and rip ball keeping the ball away from their opponents.

The cold and wet was now affecting the state of play and this showed when two well-worked moves by Llantwit saw the ball both times dropped over the Cowbridge try line.

The look of horror on the faces of both Ewan Heywood and Jacob Pereira showed how much it meant to these two players.

Boys from both sides were now starting to feel the cold and it wasn't long before the boys on the bench were called in to play.

Llantwit Major suddenly lost their fullback then right wing; Rian Thomas and Tom Redfern-Hughes came on to fill those positions with ease.

The second half brought more headaches for Llantwit Major with the loss of outside half Kieran Daw to injury, the outside centre Ewan Heywood to other commitments and new winger Morgan Thomas with a partial dislocation of the thumb.

This became worse when the stand-in outside half Jacob Pereira was sent off for an alleged dangerous tackle. The Llantwit back line now had to regroup and dig deep for the remainder of the game.

Jacob Hunt moved from second row to inside centre, Spencer Williams from flanker to left wing and Sam Jenkins to outside centre.

Stephen Williams the scrum half and new outside half Kofi Jones now had the non envious task of trying to dictate what was left of the game.

The Llantwit forwards now also replenished by Jordan Griffith-Lee, Luke Thomas and Cai Ellerton, now had to help the stalwarts of the front row, Aled

Leitch, Sennan Cummings Jones and Isaac McBride, to keep the slender lead they had gained.

The conditions were now getting close to unplayable but both teams braved on and from out of nowhere Llantwit started to create some magic.

Right wing Rian Thomas collected the ball just inside the Cowbridge half and kick over the approaching tacklers, then showing off his football skills dribbled the ball over their try line to make the score at 10-0.

From the kick-off, Llantwit found themselves back in the Cowbridge half; again the ball moved along the back line their cold fingers now barely able to hold the ball and like a replay Rian Thomas mimicked his earlier try by booting the ball and dribbling through to finally kill off the game, the score 15-0.

Cowbridge bravely managed to put some points on the board by eventually breaking through the defensive line, to score a converted try and make the final score 15-7.

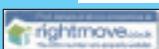
Thanks to the parents from both sides for the support and encouragement given to both teams in the difficult conditions and well done to all players involved from both teams for their commitment and hopefully they all thawed out after.

TEAM: Rian Thomas, Aled Leitch, Cole Saunders, Ewan Heywood, Isaac McBride, Jordan Griffith-Lee, Jacob Pereira, Kieran Daw, Kofi Jones, Morgan Thomas, Sam Deere, Sam Jenkins, Sennan Cummings-Jones, Tom Redfern-Hughes, Spencer Williams, Connor Booker, Owen David, Cai Ellerton, Jacob Hunt, Rhys Lloyd, Luke Thomas and Stephen Williams.

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GEM FAMILY NOTICES

HOLE

David Cyril George (Dai)

Peacefully on February 18th, in hospital, Dai of Cowbridge, formerly of Ystradgwyn. Loving brother of Graham, Michael, Edwina, Philip and the late Betty, respected brother-in-law of Wally and Helen and a much loved uncle of Peter, Elisha and James, will be sadly missed by all.

Funeral Thursday, March 5th, service at Ystradgwyn Church at 2pm, followed by interment in the churchyard. Flowers and inquiries to WH Preene & Son, Mwyndy, Pontyclun CF72 8PN Tel: 01443 22368.

PEARCE

Julie

otherwise Julie Stamp

Peacefully on February 20, Julie passed away in the Marie Curie Hospice, aged 62 years. Julie will be deeply missed by loving husband Adrian, loving son Michael, loving brother and sister Shirley and Johnathan and all family and friends.

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Lionel

Suddenly but peacefully on February 15 at UHW Cardiff, surrounded by his family, Lionel of Barry (former Mayor of Barry). Beloved husband of Dorothy, much loved father of Susan and Sandra, father-in-law of David and Julian, loving grandfather of all his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Wednesday March 4, service 2pm at St Marys Church, Holton Road, Barry, followed by cremation at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry at 3pm. Flowers may be sent to the Funeral Home. Mourning attire optional.

TANNER

William Marshall (Bill)

Passed away peacefully at Little Brynhill Farm on February 15th. Bill, aged 88 years, a well known milkman and farmer. Dearly loved husband of Janet, much loved Dad of Carol & John. Father-in-law to Sharon and Kevin. Loving grampy to all his grandchildren and great grandchildren. Brother of Peter, Ken and the late Tony.

Bill will be sadly missed by all who loved and knew him.

Service to take place at the Vale Funeral Service Chapel, Windsor Road, Barry (opposite Mount Sorrel Hotel) on Tuesday, March 3rd at 11am, followed by interment at Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery. Family flowers only, donations if desired may be made at the service to Prostate Cancer Support at The University Hospital of Wales in memory of Bill.

Funeral Arrangements entrusted to Lynday Ellis 01446 407962.

EVANS
June Irene

Norman, Pauline, David, Lynda and Richard would like to thank all June's family and friends for their kindness and support during the past few difficult weeks. Thanks for the many cards and donations to Noah's Ark in her memory. Your love and support has been greatly appreciated at this sad time.

PROBERT
Nicola

Peacefully on February 21 after a long illness bravely borne, Nicola, aged 59 years, sadly passed away. Much loved wife of Roger, cherished mum of Alun, Andrew and Sarah. A loving mother-in-law to Vicky and Robert. Dearly missed nanna to Keeley, Logan, Sofia, Tyler and Chelsea. A loving daughter of Harry & Shirley. Nicola will be dearly missed by all her family and friends.

Resting at the Vale Funeral Home, 181 Court Road, Barry until her service on Wednesday, 4 March at the Vale Funeral Service Chapel, Windsor Road, Barry (opposite Mount Sorrel Hotel) at 10.45am, followed by cremation at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium. Family flowers only, donations, if desired, may be made at the service to support Ward B4 Haematology at the University Hospital of Wales. Family request black attire optional. Further enquiries to Nicola Ellis 01446 407962.

MASKELL
Petrina (Trina) Ann

Loving daughter of Dilys & David, devoted mum to Christopher and Sherrie, mother-in-law to Jasmine, Nanna T to Sophia, sister to Andrew, sister-in-law to Karen, auntie to Celyn and Aled and like a mother to Scott. Loved and missed by many family and friends.

Resting with Park Independent Funeral Directors, 7 Tynewydd Road, Barry, until her funeral service at 2pm on Monday, March 2 at the Cardiff and Vale Crematorium Port Road, Barry. Family flowers only, donations towards a memorial stone welcomed and to be collected by Park Directors at the service.

Lesley Anne Stewart
(nee Harris)

Peacefully on 20th February 2015. Mother of Matthew, sister to Beverley and daughter of Jon and Vi, much loved by us all. Private cremation in Bath.

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FARLEY
Patricia Ann

Avril and Alex would like to thank everyone who attended Tricia's funeral on February 13. Sincere thanks to Rev Robert Evans for conducting such a lovely service and to W James & Sons, Fonmon for all their help.

Finally, grateful thanks to her many friends, doctors, nurses and Holme Tower, who all did a wonderful job caring for and supporting Tricia during her illness.

JONES
David Frederick

Suddenly on 21 February 2015, David of Llanllwyt Major. Darling husband of Elke and beloved brother of Janet and brother in law John. He was a loving father to Christine, Karen and Matthew and a much loved grandfather.

Resting at W.A. Brown & Son, College Street, Llanllwyt Major until the funeral service in Coychurch Crematorium on Friday, 6 March at 10.30am. Family flowers only, but donations may be made to the British Heart Foundation (cheques only please) c/o the Funeral Home.

HUGHES
Barrie

Peacefully on February 22, surrounded by his family, Barrie slipped quietly away. Darling and devoted husband of Teresa, devoted and adored father and father-in-law of Derryn, Rhys and Emma. Proud and doting grampy of Jessica, Luke, Seren and Ethan. Loving son of Les and the late Ralph, much loved brother, brother-in-law and uncle, loved and respected by all who knew him.

*You looked after us all until the very end.
Rest now my love until we meet again'*

Funeral to take place on Friday, 6 March at The Vale Funeral Service Chapel, Windsor Road, Barry (opposite Mount Sorrel Hotel) at 10.45am, followed by cremation at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium.

Barry. Family flowers only please, donations if desired may be made at the service to Marie Curie Cancer Care where daffodil badges will be available. Further enquiries to Lynday Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, 01446 407962.

MORRIS
Eric Humphrey

Peacefully on February 13th in Springbank Nursing Home, Barry. Eric, aged 86 years. Beloved husband of June, and dearly loved father of Josephine and Claire. A private family funeral service will be taking place.

No flowers please, if desired donations may be sent in Eric's memory to the Alzheimer's Society, 16 Columbus Walk, Brigantine Place, Cardiff CF10 4BY.

MOLLART
Shirley Vivienne

Suddenly on February 9 2015, Shirley Vivienne Mollart passed away. Beloved sister of Valerie, Hazel, Grenville and Deirdre. Much loved sister-in-law of Marion and George. Devoted aunt of Rebecca, Julia, Fiona and Alex and nephews-in-law Roger and Robert. Dear great aunt of David, Matthew and Sophie.

*Shirley will be sorely missed by us all.
God bless you.*

Funeral will take place on Wednesday, 4 March 2015 in Coychurch Crematorium at 11am. Flowers may be sent to the funeral home or donations may be made to a charity of your choice.

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DAVIES

Ronald (Ron)

Suddenly but peacefully at home in Westgate, Cowbridge on February 19th, aged 89. Beloved husband of the late Gwen, a very much loved uncle and great uncle who will be missed awfully. A good neighbour and friend. A lovely man with a big heart.

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Funeral service at Coychurch Crematorium on Tuesday March 10th at 12 noon. Family flowers only, donations, if desired, may be sent to the British Heart Foundation. c/o Mr Jack Hawkins, 10 Percy Street Road, Llanllwyt Major, CF61 1GW.

FERRIDAY

Brian Leslie

Peacefully on February 12 after a long illness at UHW Cardiff, Brian Leslie, aged 79 years, of Claude Road, Barry. Dearly loved husband of Mary, a loved father of Robert, Mark, Alison, cherished grandfather and great grandfather, dear brother of Robert (Bob).

Resting at AG Adams & Son Funeral Home, Gladstone Road, Barry until the funeral on Tuesday, March 3. Service in the chapel at 1.45pm, afterwards cremation at Barry Crematorium 3pm. Family flowers only, if desired donations may be handed to the funeral director after the funeral for Ty Hafan Childrens Hospice in Wales.

TREPLETON

Bet (nee Slade)

Peacefully, on St Valentine's Day, Bet, aged 91 years, of Dock View Road, Barry. Beloved wife of the late Jim, proud and devoted mother of Christine, George, Frank and Robert, dear mother-in-law to Pat, Rayma and Andrea and loving grandmother to Sarah, Jolene, Ross and Clare.

'Bet will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.'

Resting at A.G. Adams & Sons, Gladstone Rd, Barry, until the funeral service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry, on Monday, March 2nd at 11am. Family flowers only, donations in memory of Bet may be made to Crossroads Care in the Vale (EMI) Ltd, c/o the funeral home.

TREPLETON

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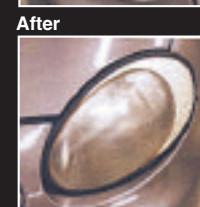
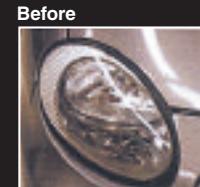
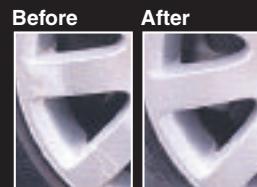
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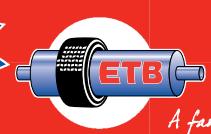
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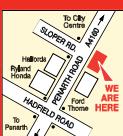
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LW

Vale CC get ready for new season

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preparations for the new season get under way at the beginning of March.

The youth compete in the Cardiff and the Vale Junior League in May, June and July, with teams winter nets commence on Thursday, March 5, at under-9, under-11, under-13 and under-15. Youth nets commence at Comprehensive School between 9-10pm where Sunday, February 22, all players 15 years and between 2-3pm for over are welcome.

New players of all and 15 and run until abilities and ages are March 29. welcome at the club. Qualified coaching which will again be will be offered during playing in Division 3 of these sessions. Any the Glamorgan and parent interested in their Monmouthshire League, child attending these Anyone interested in session or require more joining should either information on youth cricket at the club should contact Caryl Stallard on 01656 880938.

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VIFC edge Wenveoe in five goal thriller

SEAN FLYNN scored an early opener for the VIFC in this game against Wenveoe before **Jordan Mortimore** extended his scoring run of goals in eight consecutive games.

J.Robinson, R.Humphreys, N.Cox, J.Lewis, T.Charles, J.Laing, D.Cleave, S.Flynn, J.Mortimore, A.Rogers. Subs: L.Lewis, C.Goodwin, D.Garrison.

Despite the win, VI

Football Club still need to count on other sides to help their cause as Wenveoe still have two games in hand to play. If both sides win the remainder of their matches, Wenveoe will win the division by a single point. RC

Bridge results

RESULTS for the Vale of Glamorgan bridge club for February 23:

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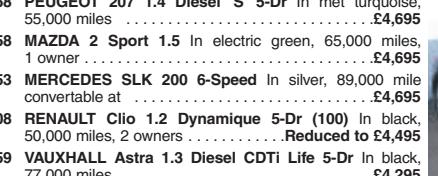
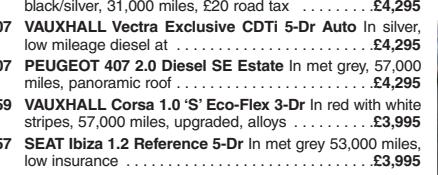
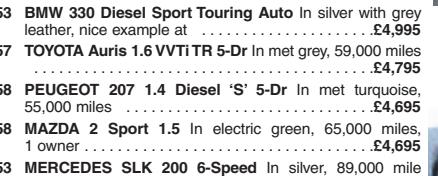
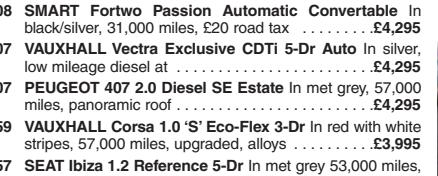
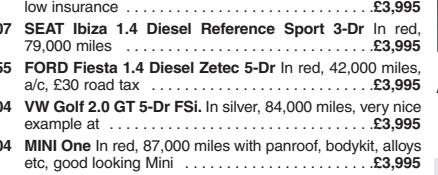
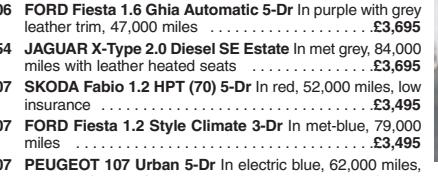
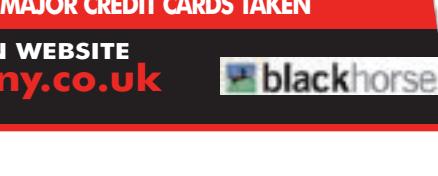
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Farmers enjoy presentation evening

THE annual presentation dinner and dance for 97 members and guests of the Glamorgan Farmers' Golf Society, was held last Friday evening in the well-appointed St Quentin's Suite at the Bear Hotel, Cowbridge.

Glyn's brother Brian together with Neil McLean finished joint runner up with 233 points followed with David Williams, who finished in fourth place with 232 points.

John Caines and Trevor Wooding both with 230 points finished in joint fifth place.

Society captain Mike King accompanied by his supportive wife Val, were delighted to welcome everyone to this most enjoyable of events, where the hard-earned awards won during the previous year were handed out to the respective winners.

The society award for golfer of the year was won for a second year running by someone now enjoying life in the 80's.

Glyn Watts-Jones, now in his 81st year, once again proved that age is no barrier when attempting to play Brian Jones launching consistently by the opening drive.

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The Barry & District sports league round-up

CRIB DIVISION 1 league table:

Cadotons Cons B 58 points, West End C 58 points, Cadotons Cons Z 53 points, Rhoose Social C 47 points, Rhoose Social B 45 points, Harbour A 44 points, Wyndham Cons A 41 points, Penarth Cons B 39 points, Savoy B 34 points, Wyndham Cons C 32 points.

SKITTLES DIVISION 1 league table:

West End C 91.5 points, Sea View B 90.5 points, Allsorts 79.5 points, King William XII 78.5 points, West End D 77 points, Slammers 66.5 points, Barries Boys 62 points, Rhoosesters 61.5 points, Rugby Club 61 points, Rhoose Social B 59.5 points, Rhoose Social A 56.5 points, Liberals A 52 points, Rhoose Social C 52 points, Runway Club 44 points, Liberals C 38.5 points, Cambrian Flyers 37.5 points.

SNOOKER DIVISION 1:

Wyndham Cons A 0, Savoy A 5; Harbour B 4, West End C 1; Cadotons Cons B 4, Wyndham Cons C 1; Harbour A 4, All league & cup fixtures and results can be viewed at www.barryleagues.co.uk or via Facebook - Savoy B 3.

League table: Harbour B 76 points, Savoy A 73

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The rain stops (steeplechase) play

THE CURE & Llangibby Hunt Steeplechases, which were due to have taken place at Howick, near Chepstow, last Sunday were rained off.

The hunt will be seeking a new date either in March or April.



Welsh triples at Sully Stadium

SULLY Stadium is hosting the first and second rounds of the Welsh Bowling Association's triples competition on Sunday (March 1).

The first round consisting of eight games commences at 10am with the winners starting the second round at 2pm.

There are a number of internationals taking part, while Sully are represented by the triples of Carl Best, Ian Paterson, and Brian Griffiths, and Mat Gershenson, Martin Clarke, and Matthew Woodcock, while the other Sully triple of Gareth John, Jon Ackland and Chris Ackland, who are also through to the second

round but are replaying their game at Llanelli - good luck to all the Sully triples!

Sully Stadium will be open from 9am with refreshments available throughout the day; also lunch will be available to order.

Sully members are reminded that the entry forms for 2015/16 Welsh indoor competitions are available in the foyer of the club and have to be returned by the end of March.

With all league games now finished the Sully Indoor Bowls Club's in-house competitions are fully underway with a couple of the competitions already at the semi-final stage with the finals due to take place on March 28/29.

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LETTER TO EDITOR Pitching in to save Vale junior football

After attending a mini coaches meeting, I was extremely shocked and disappointed to hear of the lack of development and funding offered to grass roots football in the Vale - surprised at the council's option to fund a 3G pitch at Jenner Park.

To hear Phil Beaman say there are plenty of multi-court facilities for mini football to use is disgraceful.

These courts are a dangerous environment to entertain over 30 teams on a Saturday morning in one age group.

I'm now convinced The council have no idea of the size of mini football. Without investment for a 3G pitch that can be obtained for community use on a daily basis, grassroots football in the Vale will slowly die.

Funding a pitch at Jenner Park will only benefit one club that has only been going for only two years.

How many hours per week will grass roots teams be able to train there if Barry Town have their first team, youth team, and junior teams on there? Not forgetting if they set up an academy.

The response from all the clubs on the night was very good and all coaches were in agreement that the Vale of Glamorgan council should actually listen to people, instead of just going off and doing what one or two councillors think is the right idea.

No clubs were asked their opinions, yet they are the ones who have to use roundabout facilities and pay through the nose for poor pitches.

Let's hope they see sense, especially with the elections coming up. Matt Warner, Coach, Cadotons Barry FC under-10s.

Latest Barrivale Bridge results

LATEST results from Barrivale Bridge Club for February 17:

1st Mike Close & Mike Best 60.95%; 2nd Jane Brook & Irene Thomas 60.33%; 3rd=Kay Dyer & Noelle Bond 59.43%; 3rd=Mick Green & Denis Mottram 59.43%.

Jane Brook and Irene Thomas won on handicap.

New members are always welcome at Barrivale. A partner may be arranged if required.

If you would like to join us ring 01446 418380 or 01446 733425 or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry on Tuesdays at 7pm.

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RESHAPED WALES CAN BREAK UP THE FRENCH CONNECTION

WITH normal Six Nations service being resumed this weekend, attention now turns to the Wales team to meet France in Paris on Saturday.

The question on everyone's lips is – which team will turn up on the day? And I don't just mean the unpredictable, strangely misfiring French!

Wales, too, have lacked consistency, blowing hot and cold in the autumn tests and in the first two games of the current tournament.

They have certainly not managed to reach the glittering heights achieved in the three Grand Slam years and during the 2011 Rugby

World Cup in New Zealand. There they were the team of the tournament, but controversially lost 8-9 to France in a nail-chewing semi-final at Eden Park.

That narrow, one-point margin epitomised the fine balance that has long existed between these two evenly-matched rivals from either side of the Channel, which has seen Wales win 46 of the 92 meetings since 1908 to France's 43 – with three games drawn.

This is also reflected in the total points amassed by the two sides – Wales 1,364 compared to France's 1,325.

Thus neither side can go into this battle totally confident of victory, with France, as the home team, possibly having a slight edge. However, much depends on if the Welsh team, announced on Tuesday showing four changes, has learnt

BACK PAGE COMMENT

by Don John

the lessons of that dire second half collapse against England in Cardiff, and the narrow escape against the Scots in Edinburgh.

There can be no question that the in-form Liam Williams has thoroughly earned his starting place on the wing at the expense of Alex Cuthbert, and can be expected to pep up the backline.

Hooker Scott Baldwin, who replaces Richard Hibbard, knows he will come in for special attention from the juggernaut French pack, which will be targeting the Welsh setpiece at Stade de France and, in

particular, the notoriously fragile lineout.

How he and the rest of the Welsh eight, also bolstered by impressive young tight head Samson Lee and the towering Luke Charteris, respond to this full frontal threat will inevitably hold the key to victory over Les Bleus.

It's been done before... It can be done again!

WALES TEAM

Leigh Halfpenny (Toulon); George North (Northampton Saints), Jonathan Davies (ASM Clermont Auvergne), Jamie Roberts (Racing Metro), Liam Williams (Scarlets); Dan Biggar (Ospreys), Rhys Webb (Ospreys); Gethin Jenkins (Blues), Scott Baldwin (Ospreys), Samson Lee (Scarlets), Luke Charteris (Racing Metro), Alun Wyn Jones (Ospreys), Dan Lydiate (Ospreys), Sam Warburton (Blues, captain),

Taulupe Faletau (Dragons).

Replacements: Richard Hibbard (Gloucester), Paul James (Bath), Aaron Jarvis (Ospreys), Bradley Davies (Wasps), Justin Tipuric (Ospreys), Mike Phillips (Racing Metro), Rhys Priestland (Scarlets), Scott Williams (Scarlets).

• This week's shock news that WRU chief executive Roger Lewis is stepping down may be greeted with glee in some quarters, particularly the four professional regions, but it is to be hoped that it does not herald another divisive episode in our notoriously drama-prone national game.

The choice of successor could now see a major shift in power at the top and the national coach, Warren Gatland, will not be the only one looking anxiously to the future as events unfold.

Barry RFC secure important victory over Llandaff North

A break in the international fixtures list allowed Barry to entertain Llandaff North on a cold Saturday afternoon at Reservoir Fields.

With numerous players unavailable due to reasons ranging from skiing injuries to 80th birthday parties, the settled backline of recent weeks had to be reshuffled in the last minute, with Busuttil and Gallivan coming into the starting line-up.

There was also a welcome return to the first XV for James Hadfield, who was amongst the substitutes.

In conditions more suitable for rice cultivation than champagne rugby, the visitors took the game to Barry, utilising their heavy pack as they dictated the tempo in the early exchanges.

Without ball in hand, Barry were forced on the defensive in the first quarter in their own half.

Luke O'Sullivan, fresh from returning from injury himself, disrupted North ball frequently in the lineout, but the away pressure finally told as their rolling maul caused Barry all sorts of problems, and the result was an unconverted try.

The home side's attempts to play a wider game were thwarted by the difficult conditions and also some uncharacteristic handling errors, and instead only found joy when the pack carried tirelessly, with Hywel Jones and Alyn Evans in the fore.

Somewhat the try that looked certain did not materialise, and when Barry were awarded yet another kickable opportunity, Scott's unerring boot was on hand to steady home nerves.

There was still time for both teams to exchange yellow cards, before Llandaff North pushed forward late on in search of a winning score. This time,

rewarded with a successful penalty kick before the break.

Looking to the wind and slope for assistance, and with the coaches' instructions still ringing loud in their ears, Barry finally awoke from their slumber and pieced together an attacking pattern. Within the first quarter they were rewarded as the green-and-whites turned the game on its head.

A slick backs move, this time free of handling errors, saw Danny Ryan cut through the Llandaff North defence, and his perfectly timed pass saw Ashley Adams scoring in the corner. Einan Scott failed to add the extras.

With the wind in their sails now, both literally and metaphorically speaking, Barry rammed home their momentum and took the lead. The forwards set the platform this time, and the ball found Brad White via Scott, who broke through midfield to score a fine try from halfway. Scott's conversion made the score 12-8.

Llandaff North replied almost instantly with a successful penalty kick, but with James Sullivan on at half-time, the Barry scrum was now dominant and the home side attempted to use this advantage to increase their lead, turning down kickable penalty opportunities in front of the posts.

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ABOVE and BELOW: Barry were 15-11 victors over Llandaff North and HOWARD POOLE was on hand to capture the action.



Barry & District mens skittle league results

DIVISION 1:

Blue Monkey (D.Brown, M.Underdown 27) 270, 49ers (J.McInerney 28) 274; Bunker Boys (S.Jeynes 33) 290, Park Lads (S.Provis 26) 244; Colcot Boys (B.Sullivan 26) 253, West End Stars (D.Collard 26) 243; Ex-Servicemen (T.Caciccia 29) 273, Mighty Dockers (S.Newton 28) 282; Geest (J.Hawker, M.Gill, S.Galsworthy 29) 275, Blue monkey (M.Pocket 30) 280; The Hairy Lemons (D.Ill 28) 256, Cavaliers (R.Thomas 29) 274.

Division 2: BP Breakaways (P.Gardner 29) 267,

The Royalists (B.Wright 25) 222; Road Runners (R.Peterson, B.Blow 23) 246, Buffs Exiles (B.Griffiths 24) 231; Sea View (T.Stokes 31) 294, Barry Social (S.Grant 29) 283; Witchill Wizards (A.Butler 35) 350, Posties (B.Usher, T.Gray 36) 364.

Billy Bluebirds (A.Dyer, D.Davey 30) 310, Cannon Balls (G.Curry 30) 294; The Rejects (M.Stringer 34) 313, 'H' Bells (K.Smith, B.Crockford 33) 291; West End Fliers (R.Green 29) 263, KP Monkeynuts (A.Clarke 29) 234.

Dinas hold heads high after defeat

COMING off a mini resurgence in recent matches, the confidence amongst Dinas Powys was high going into this game with Caldicot.

This was soon damped as a poor back pass from Connor Caton was pounced on within the opening four minutes, the home side's striker finishing off following Curtin's brave rescue attempt.

Instead of feeling sorry for themselves the visiting team really took the game to high-flying Caldicot for the next 40 minutes. Ben Ahmum had a great chance to draw level with a fine header which went just wide. Steve Provis, the experienced Dinas player, then found himself in the box with what looked like a simple shot but the ball took a nasty bounce before he could connect.

The visitors really pressed on and were awarded a penalty following some good work from Swaffield on the left. Joe Briscoe stepped up but struck it unconvincedly and the Caldicot keeper parried it wide.

Kieron James was having plenty of chinking runs and looked to create an opening to get his shots off but fired wide.

Lewis Marsh standing over a free kick from 30 yards came very close as

it rifled just wide of the left hand corner. As the half wore on Caldicot looked threatening on the break but Caton and Bloxham were having an inspired time at the back dealing with everything thrown their way.

Just before the break Caton went on a surging run from defence and forced the home side keeper to pull off a great save. Luke Swaffield again ghosted in the box and looked to lob the keeper but Davidson was in exceptional form, closing him down early.

At the break you couldn't tell that Dinas were so many places below the home side with a very good display from this young squad.

The second half Dinas went for a more direct approach and Carlos Indjai had two great chances within five minutes, firing just over with a looping effort and forcing the keeper into a fine save with his second chance.

Bringing on fresh legs and pushing bodies forward, Dinas lost their shape a little and the home side made their chances count with two very good finishes.

The Villagers should take a lot of pride from this performance - they are a young squad looking to play the right way and certainly are very capable of punching above their weight, and the 3-0 scoreline certainly didn't reflect the performance.

Sully Sports are back in the winning way!

TRIES from Harry

Moyle (3), Dai Harris and Alex Szuchnik, with conversions from

Jake Williams, ensured Sully Sports got back to winning ways by beating CIAKS 29-22.

It was a frustrating game, but thanks to all those supporters who braved the day, Sully started well and pressured the visitors straight away, showing the power up front with Jody, Sam and Jamie having their opposition in their pockets all game.

However little mistakes ensured the fought game by all opposition stayed in touch with the scoreline.

On the front foot Sully showed why they are so feared in this league and other sides throw everything at them.

Captain John Thomas showed his years of experience and kept the side calm for most of the game. With a few players shuffling position, it was easy to see how far they have come this year, and Sully soon had more points on the board and were moving towards the bonus point.

That said, the visitors certainly tried everything they could to upset the day, but Sully regrouped and controlled the game and managed to grab the final score of the day.

Training is every Tuesdays and Thursdays at Sully Sports 6.30pm-8pm, come along and give it a try.